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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook survived its latest brush with U.S. privacy regulators, at the cost of a record \$5 billion fine and other restrictions imposed by the Federal Trade Commission. But it's far from home free. While the company looks set to prosper in the wake of the FTC case, it faces a series of other investigations into its privacy practices in Europe and across the U.S. Concerns over the limits of the just-settled probe could fuel efforts to craft tougher privacy laws at the state and federal level. The social network is also gearing up to fight investigations into its allegedly anticompetitive behavior, such as Facebook's habit of buying would-be rivals like Instagram and blatantly duplicating features introduced by competing services.

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In this April 11, 2018, file photo Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg pauses while testifying before a House Energy and Commerce hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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The Department of Justice opened a broad antitrust probe focused on technology companies on Tuesday. On Wednesday Facebook disclosed that it also faces a fresh FTC investigation into alleged anticompetitive behavior. It didn't provide details of the scope or focus of the probe. Representatives of the FTC confirmed the antitrust investigation but offered no additional information.

The outcome of these investigations may well determine whether the world's governments can actually rein in a transnational corporation that directly touches almost a third of the world's population.

"There is a lot more to come on the regulatory front for Facebook," said Debra Aho Williamson, analyst with the research firm eMarketer. To pre-empt this and do things on its own terms, Williamson said the company is "going to do whatever it can" to

change its business model and change the way it gathers data.

The FTC penalties, viewed by some as a stunning rebuke to the social network, might well crush a smaller firm. But they seem unlikely to faze Facebook — the fine, for instance, amounts to less than 10% of Facebook's annual revenue and not even a quarter of its annual profits. Some critics charge that the FTC didn't deliver much more than a slap on the wrist.

"Facebook makes that much money in a couple of weeks," said Siva Vaidhyanathan, a University of Virginia professor and author of "Antisocial Media: How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy." The company is free to "get back to business as usual," he said.

Wall Street seems to agree. Facebook's stock price climbed higher Wednesday after the deal was announced. The company is worth much more than it was when its Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal erupted back in March



Federal Trade Commission FTC Chairman Joe Simons speaks during a news conference about Facebook settlement at FTC headquarters in Washington, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

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2018. On Wednesday, Facebook's market value hovered around \$575 billion — roughly \$40 billion above where it stood before the news of the Cambridge abuses broke. Ashkan Soltani, a former FTC chief technologist, said the settlement was effective

"a get-out-of-jail free card for Facebook." The deal absolves Facebook of any consumer-protection claims prior to June 12 of this year, a highly unusual step that effectively wipes the slate clean where known historical privacy violations are concerned. Soltani and other critics also note that the FTC settlement barely touches Facebook's underlying business practices, which rely on the collection and analysis of its users' activities and personal details to fuel the company's lucrative advertising machine. In its formal legal complaint, the FTC used the word "deceptive" 14 times to describe Facebook's practices and policies.

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Facebook has already signaled that this is coming. Earlier this year, CEO Mark Zuckerberg unveiled a new "privacy focused" vision for the company that centers on private messaging and

encrypted communications. The details are scant. But it shows that the company is thinking years into the future even as regulators are investigating and punishing it for years-past violations.

As part of the FTC's settlement with Facebook, Zuckerberg will have to personally certify his company's compliance with its privacy programs. The FTC said that false certifications could expose him to civil or criminal penalties. But the settlement did not hold Zuckerberg personally liable for the past violations, as some had expected.

In a Facebook post Wednesday, Zuckerberg vowed to "make some major structural changes to how we build products and run this company" as a result of the settlement. "We have a responsibility to protect people's privacy. We already work hard to live up to this responsibility, but now we're going to set a completely new standard for our industry."

In a similar tone, FTC Chairman Joe Simons, speaking at a news conference, said the settlement is "unprecedented in the history of the FTC" and is designed "to change Facebook's entire privacy culture to decrease the likelihood of continued violations." □



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Border Patrol boss joined Facebook page to read staff posts

By **ASTRID GALVAN**
Associated Press
PHOENIX (AP) —

The head of the U.S. Border Patrol said Wednesday that she joined a Facebook group whose members mocked migrants and lawmakers so she could read what her personnel thought about her, and said she knew little about the group.

Chief Carla Provost said during a congressional subcommittee hearing in Washington that she logged on to Facebook very rarely and that she immediately reported her membership in the group to an oversight division of U.S. Customs and Border Protection after she realized she was a member. Provost earlier this month had issued a statement condemning the posts without saying that she was a member.

Sixty-two current and eight former Border Patrol employees are being investigated for their role in the "I'm 10-15" Facebook group, where agents questioned the authenticity of images of a migrant father and child dead in a river. They also posted crude and doctored images of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez purporting to perform a sex act on President Donald Trump.

Reports later revealed Provost was a member of the group, although she did not confirm those reports until her congressional testimony.

She said during the hearing that she handed over her login and password to

Custom and Border Protection's Office of Professional Responsibility, adding that she very rarely used her Facebook account and only did so to stay in touch with friends and colleagues who live out of town.

Provost said she once commented in the group on a post about a question from the TV show "Jeopardy" because her agents were talking about her in that post, Provost said. She was the subject of the Jeopardy question.

"I didn't even know at the time what group I was on," she said.

Provost said she joined the secret group in 2017 at the invitation of a colleague who told her agents were discussing her performance in her role at the time of acting chief.

She said she would search her name in Facebook and read posts about herself without noticing whether the posts were in any specific group.

"I am as outraged as everyone else when it comes to the statements that were made on that page," Provost said.

The congressional hearing also focused on Border Patrol funding and the ongoing high number of families and children arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Border Patrol is dealing with a massive increase in the number of families and children who cross into the U.S. without parents or legal guardians, resulting in strained resources and dangerously overcrowded border detention facilities. Five children have died in

Border Patrol custody since December.

Some committee members criticized Provost, questioning whether the Border Patrol has an agency-wide culture of abusive behavior.

"A few bad apples are not representative of the organization," Provost responded.

"You've got a long way to go now to rebuild your reputation to the average person in this country," said Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, a Democrat from Maryland. □



U.S. Border Patrol chief Carla Provost testifies before a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

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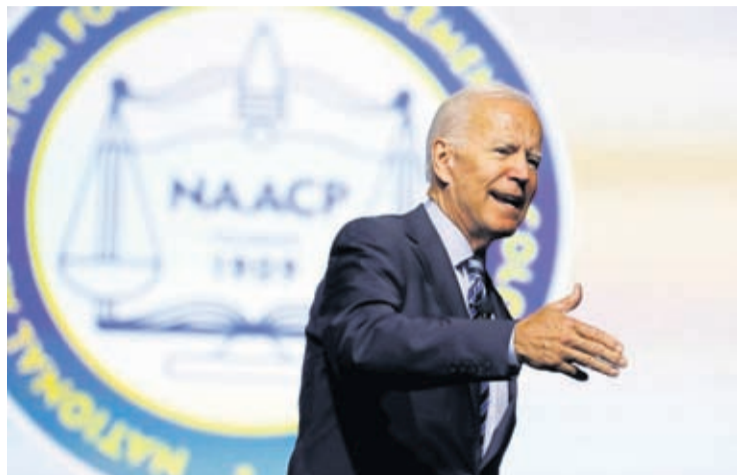


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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden, speaks during a candidates forum at the 110th NAACP National Convention, Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in Detroit. Associated Press

Biden says he's not relying on Obama as 'crutch' in 2020 bid

By **ERRIN HAINES WHACK** and **STEVEN SLOAN**
 Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Joe Biden rarely lets a public event pass without reminding voters of his work alongside President Barack Obama. But the former vice president insisted on Wednesday that he's not overly relying on that relationship to fuel his 2020 White House

bid. "It's not a crutch," Biden said during a forum in Detroit sponsored by the NAACP. "You can ask President Obama. I don't need any crutch."

The comment reflects the challenge facing Biden as he tries to protect his fragile status as the early Democratic front-runner. His frequent invocation of the Obama years could appeal to Democrats, particularly African Americans, who hold the former president in high regard. But presidential candidates aren't often successful if they're viewed as simply the next chapter of a prior administration.

The 37-year-old Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, has made generational change a centerpiece of his presidential candidacy. Without naming Biden, he called on the audience to embrace change and resist the urge to return to the days before President Donald Trump.

"We will not and cannot win if our message as a Democratic Party is 'We're just going to go back to normal,'" Buttigieg said.

Biden, 76, insisted his candidacy is not a "continuation of Barack and our administration," noting "new problems" must be addressed today.

"But the fact of the matter is he's a close friend," Biden said of Obama. "I'm proud to have served with him."

Biden is at the top of most polls in no small part because of support from black voters who are crucial to winning the Democratic primary. The audience applauded Biden as he walked onto the stage at the NAACP event, but his past handling of racial issues has come under

scrutiny in recent weeks. He sparked a firestorm with comments last month touting his work alongside segregationist lawmakers when he was first elected to the Senate in the 1970s. During the first presidential debate, California Sen. Kamala Harris slammed Biden's remarks and highlighted in personal terms his previous opposition to busing. She and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who also criticized Biden's segregationist comment, will share the stage with the former vice president at next week's Democratic debate and could revive their line of attack.

Booker previewed the possible clash ahead by hitting Biden on Wednesday as "an architect of mass incarceration" because of his role as a senator in crafting the 1994 crime bill. Biden said that characterization wasn't accurate and struck back at Booker's tenure as mayor of Newark, New Jersey. "His police department was stopping and frisking people, mostly African American men," Biden said. Biden defended the crime bill as needed at the time and noted that it was supported by mayors and black leaders.

"We had a gigantic epidemic in America of violence, particularly in African American communities," he said, blaming the Republican takeover of Congress during the 1990s for blocking later reforms to the law.

"We have now a systemic problem in too many African Americans in jail right now," Biden said. "So I think we should shift the whole focus from what we're doing in terms of incarceration to rehabilitation." □

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California lawsuit: Military charity donated to politicians

By NATALIE RICE

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California is suing a nonprofit that sends care packages to combat troops, accusing it of misleading donors about its affiliations, engaging in political activity and paying fees to its directors' for-profit companies. The lawsuit alleges the charity Move America Forward invaded the privacy of injured veterans by using their names and stories to solicit donations without their permission and falsely claimed to have a partnership with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

"Our troops and their commitment to our country should never be exploited in deceitful solicitation gimmicks, but unfortunately they are," state Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Wednesday.

The lawsuit alleges the charity violated IRS rules by providing free office space for the political action committees Move America Forward PAC and Tea Party Express.

The charity also is accused of using charitable donations to endorse the political campaigns of former Republican U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in New York last year after pleading guilty to tax eva-

sion, and Josh Mandel who briefly ran for the Republican nomination for a U.S. Senate seat in Ohio.

Becerra said federal rules ban charities from backing political candidates.

Move America Forward said the organization has always been completely transparent and provides proof of tax filings and independent audits on its website. "Shame on Attorney General Becerra for his unrelenting harassment," Melanie Morgan, chairwoman and co-founder of Move America Forward, said in a statement. "We look forward to our day in court for all the facts to come to light and for our opportunity clear our name so that we can continue with our business of supporting our brave men and women of the military."

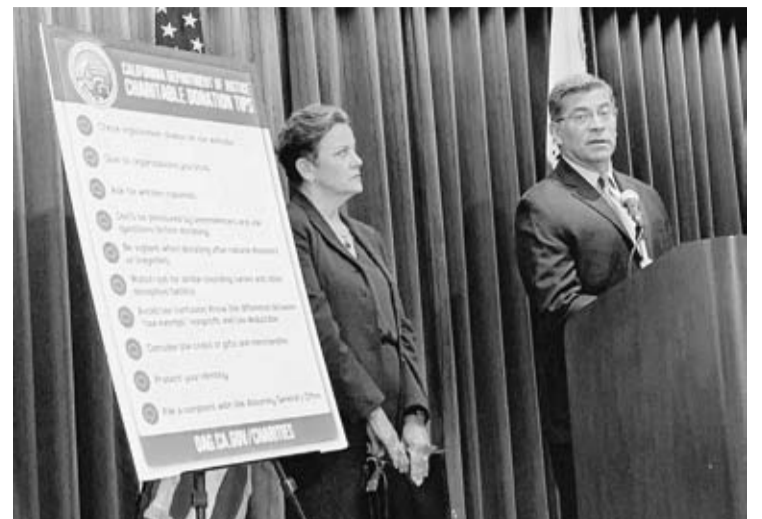
Becerra said charity directors Salvatore Russo and Shawn Callahan also operated several separate for-profit entities that charged fees for marketing and other services provided to Move America Forward.

For example, a Russo-owned entity called The Campaign Store LLC intercepted online donations and charged fees ranging from 7.55% to 10.06% to transfer the remaining funds to the charity's bank account without adding any value to the transac-

tion, the lawsuit says, calling it a vehicle to "skim" off a percentage of donations. The attorney general said the lawsuit seeks to remove Russo and Callahan as directors and ban them from operating charities in California. Becerra said his office will pursue further penalties but that they wouldn't be criminal because it would be hard to prove intent.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Tania Ibanez highlighted the number of military or veterans charities that are operating as unregistered or delinquent, meaning they failed to supply their annual reports to the state.

An investigation from June 2018 to June 2019 revealed that over 1,000 charities in California have names relating to the military and



California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, right, and senior Assistant Attorney General Tania Ibanez announce a lawsuit the state has filed alleging misdeeds by Move America Forward, a nonprofit that sends packages of food, clothes or other items to military service personnel, at a Los Angeles news conference Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Associated Press

554 were found to be delinquent, Ibanez said. Only half have fixed the problem. The office sent cease-and-desist orders to 498 charities that have not reg-

istered with the state. Ibanez said veterans are the group most likely to be exploited, followed by firefighters and police officers. □

Report: Women hold almost 52% of top Connecticut state jobs

By SUSAN HAIGH

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut outpaces other states and the federal government when it comes to employing women in the highest levels of state government, an analysis released Wednesday shows. The report from the Governor's Council on Women and Girls found women hold nearly 52% of executive branch jobs considered "officials and administrators," compared to 30% of the highest senior civil-service positions in the federal government. But it also warned Connecticut faces


some of the "same challenging trends" found elsewhere, including minority women being segregated in female-dominated occupations and agencies.

"Connecticut, by comparison to other states and the federal workforce, appears more equitable across gender and racial-ethnic categories from a broad view," according to the report.

"That said, the state has more work to do in addressing some of the distressing representation problems that are consistent with problems that exist across the country." □

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Judge blocks Trump asylum restrictions at US-Mexico border

By **AMY TAXIN and ASHRAF KHALIL**

Associated Press

A federal judge on Wednesday blocked the Trump administration from enforcing new asylum restrictions for immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border, marking the latest defeat for a president waging an all-out battle in the courts to stop the flow of migrants into the country.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in San Francisco came hours after a judge in Washington decided to let the rules stand. The California ruling halts the policy across the border as lawsuits play out in court.

The new asylum rules would prevent most migrants at the southern border from seeking asylum in the U.S. if they passed through another country first. Most of the immigrants crossing the border are from Central America, making most of them ineligible for asylum because they passed through Mexico.



In this July 17, 2019, file photo, a United States Customs and Border Protection Officer checks the documents of migrants before being taken to apply for asylum in the United States, on International Bridge 1 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

It also would affect asylum seekers from Africa, Asia and South America who arrive regularly at the southern border.

The restrictions went into effect last week, though there were conflicting re-

ports on whether U.S. immigration agencies were actually enforcing it.

Top U.S. officials say their plan would discourage migrants from leaving their countries, which they say is necessary to reduce the

numbers of people that border agents are detaining.

Tigar, who was appointed by former President Barack Obama, has already barred less restrictive asylum policies from taking ef-

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fect and could permanently block the new asylum policy. The judge said the new policy could expose migrants to violence and abuse, deny their rights under international law and return them to countries they were fleeing.

He acknowledged that the country's immigration system is overwhelmed by the surge in migrants from Central America over the last year.

"But shortcutting the law, or weakening the boundary between Congress and the Executive, are not the solutions to these problems," Tigar said.

The Justice and Homeland Security Departments did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

President Donald Trump told reporters before his departure for a fundraiser in West Virginia that the Washington decision was a "tremendous ruling." He added: "We appreciate it. We respect the courts very much. That helps us very much at the border." □

Madoff seeks sentence reduction for epic Ponzi scheme

NEW YORK (AP) — Epic Ponzi schemer Bernard Madoff is seeking an early release from prison after a decade behind bars.

The Department of Justice confirmed Wednesday that Madoff has a pending request to get a reduction of the 150-year sentence that a federal judge in Manhattan imposed in 2009 with the public furor over his multibillion-dollar fraud at its height. It was unclear when the 81-year-old Madoff filed papers asking President Donald Trump, who



In this March 10, 2009 file photo, Bernard Madoff, center, exits Manhattan federal court in New York.

Associated Press

has final say on clemency, to commute his term he's serving at a North Carolina prison. Ira Sorkin, the lawyer who represented Madoff in his criminal case, declined comment on Wednesday. Madoff pleaded guilty to orchestrating the largest Ponzi scheme in history. He admitted swindling thousands of clients out of billions of dollars in investments over decades.

A court-appointed trustee has recovered more than \$13 billion of an estimated \$17.5 billion that investors

put into Madoff's business. At the time of his arrest, fake account statements were telling clients they had holdings worth \$60 billion. The justice department's website signals commutation of a sentence is a long-shot, calling it "an extraordinary remedy." Grounds for granting it "have traditionally included disparity or undue severity of sentence, critical illness or old age, and meritorious service rendered to the government by the petitioner," it says. □

Officials abandon idea of demolishing Columbine High School

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado school district trying to stop people obsessed with the shooting at Columbine High School won't demolish the building as a way to deter intruders, officials said in a letter released Wednesday.

Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Jason Glass wrote that a community survey on what to do about the high school in suburban Denver showed mixed reaction to knocking it down. The district had floated Columbine's demolition because of what Glass called its "inspiration" for people with a dark interest in the 1999 shooting that killed 12 students and a teacher.

Officials cited a constant presence of people trying to enter the building or being on the grounds without authorization, including a record number this year on the 20th anniversary of the shooting. This year, security staff contacted more than 2,400 "unauthorized" people on Columbine's campus. In April, a Florida teenager who authorities say was obsessed with the shooting and may have been planning an attack in Colorado just ahead of the 20th anniversary was found dead in an apparent suicide.

A search for the teen



In this April 17, 2019, file photo, a police officer walks to the front doors of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 12 classmates and a teacher in 1999.

prompted officials to close public schools throughout the Denver area.

Glass said Wednesday that the district will create a better-defined perimeter around the school to deter intruders and increase student privacy, among other measures. While Columbine "is now arguably one of the safest schools in the world, the 'unauthorized individuals' problem at the school must be addressed," Glass said, adding, "it is our goal to create a classic and stately appearance for the school that the community will be proud of."

Supporters and alumni of

Columbine, named after Colorado's state flower, argued that destroying the building would mean capitulating to the killers.

One notable exception was Frank DeAngelis, the school's principal in 1999, who opposed demolishing after the shooting but changed his mind after years of coping with unwanted visitors. He retired in 2014. "I think if we would have known or projected what was going to happen, we may have had a different discussion about going back into the building," DeAngelis told The Associated Press in June.

The online survey assessed community support for a ballot measure earmarking \$60 million to \$70 million for a Columbine construction project. Roughly 57% of 6,962 respondents said they felt negatively about the proposal and 60% said they would likely vote against a bond measure.

Opposition to the idea was stronger from respondents in Littleton, where Columbine is located. Only 33% said they might support the rebuilding, while 64% looked negatively on the idea. Similar percentages there said they would vote for or against a bond. □

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Health system offers free DNA tests for 10,000 Floridians

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — An operator of hospitals and clinics began offering free DNA testing on Wednesday to 10,000 Floridians in a partnership with a private genomics company. Some biomedical ethicists warn that participants need to realize their data can be used for purposes other than their health care.

Researchers at AdventHealth in Orlando said the DNA test screens for an inherited condition that can lead to high cholesterol and heart attacks if left untreated. Participants who screen positive will get a second blood test to con-

firm the diagnosis, get to talk with a genetic counselor at no charge and be put in touch with a cardiologist. "It's treatable," said Dr. Wes Walker, associate chief medical information officer at AdventHealth, who is one of the leaders of the \$2 million project.

AdventHealth said data from the "WholeMe" program also will be used for other research purposes as the health system grows its newly minted genomics program. A similar program in Nevada involving the same genomics company, Helix, has enrolled 30,000 participants. AdventHealth hopes to eventually scale up the project across its

health system, which encompasses 46 hospital campuses in nine states.

Stanford University biomedical ethicist Mildred Cho warned that participants need to be aware their data will be used for purposes other than their personal health care. AdventHealth said researchers will seek additional consent if they want the data for additional studies.

The project also is overseen by an institutional review board to ensure privacy measures are in place and that the gathered data are protected by HIPAA privacy safeguards. On its website, Helix said it doesn't sell participants'

information for any reason. But the company said it evaluates requests by law enforcement and other legal requests for data on a case-by-case basis. Detectives in a growing number of high-profile cases have identified suspects by entering crime-scene DNA profiles into databases that became popular as a way for people to document their family trees. Past studies of people who got doctor-ordered DNA test results about disease risks have been mixed: Several show that DNA information produced no significant effect on participants' diet, physical activity, drinking alcohol or quitting smoking. □

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Europe heat wave breaks records, mercury set to go higher

BY KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Europeans cooled off in public fountains Wednesday as a new heat wave spread across parts of the continent and was already breaking records.

Belgium and Germany registered their highest-ever temperatures, while the Netherlands saw its hottest day in 75 years.

And the mercury is expected to rise even further.

Paris and other parts of France could see temperatures exceeding 40 C (104 F) on Thursday along with Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

The heat is putting pressure on authorities to help protect the elderly and the sick. Air conditioning is not common at homes, offices, schools or hospitals in European cities.

The weather is also aggravating droughts since it hasn't rained much in many parts of Europe this summer. The combination of heat, wind and possible lightning from thunderstorms also increases the risk of wildfires.

WHY IS IT SO HOT?

The second likely-to-be-record-breaking heat wave in two months in Europe includes some of the same ingredients of the first — hot dry air coming from northern Africa. That hot air is trapped between cold stormy systems in the Atlantic and eastern Europe and forms “a little heat dome,” said Ryan Maue, a private meteorologist in the U.S.

This heat wave is a relatively short event where the heat comes with a southerly wind — and dust — from Africa's Sahara Desert, in contrast to the big European heat waves of 2003 and 2010 which lasted much longer and were sustained by a stationary high pressure system with little wind, experts say.

At the end of June, several countries reported record temperatures, and France hit its all-time heat record: 46 C (114.8 F) in the small southern town of Verar-



People cool down in the fountains as temperatures reached 30 degrees Celsius, at Toldbod Plads in Aalborg, Denmark, Wednesday July 24, 2019.

gues.

IS CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSING THIS?

Heat waves are happening more frequently in large parts of Europe, Asia and Australia, experts say. As the world warms, scientists say there will be more and hotter heat waves, but attributing single events to climate change involves precise computer modeling and calculations.

A team of European climate scientists did a quick, non-peer reviewed analysis of Europe's June heat wave and found man-made warming made it at least five times more likely. “Either of the two European heat waves this summer would have been remarkable in isolation. But now we are seeing multiple episodes of record heat in a given summer. By mid-century, we will simply call these episodes ‘summer’ — if we continue on this trajectory,” said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn't part of the European group.

The heat waves aren't just because the world is 1 degree Celsius warmer than before the industrial era, but also because climate change and the melting of Arctic sea ice has slowed down the jet stream, which is the river of air that moves weather along, Mann said. The slow jet stream is “a

big part of the story when it comes to these very persistent heat extremes we have seen in recent summers,” Mann said in an email.

HOW HOT COULD IT GET THIS WEEK AND WHERE?

Temperatures in France especially are likely to be 15 C (27 F) higher than normal, with Paris likely to break its all-time hottest record mark of 40.4 degrees (104.7 Fahrenheit). Surrounding areas around Paris may hit 41 or 42 C (106 to 108 Fahrenheit), weather experts said. The Dutch meteorological institute tweeted that Wednesday's heat wave broke a record that stood for nearly 75 years of the hottest temperature ever recorded in the Netherlands. The Dutch weather service Weerplaza said that the southern city of Eindhoven reported a temperature of 39.3 (102.7 F) Wednesday afternoon.

Belgium measured its highest temperature since records were first kept in 1833. In sun-baked Kleine Brogel in northeastern Belgium, temperatures rose to 39.9 C (102.3 F), and the weather forecaster of the Royal Meteorological Institute said that it was “the highest ever Belgian temperature.”

Also, temperatures won't cool down much at night, and maybe stay around 24 C (75 F) or higher.

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The German Weather Service said a record high of 40.5 C (104.9 F) for the country was recorded in Geilenkirchen and put the entire country on heat alert. The previous record of 40.3 C (104.5 F) was set in 2015.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES DOING TO STAY COOL?

France in particular is haunted by the 2003 heat wave that killed an estimated 15,000 people there, most of them isolated elderly people whose families in many cases were on vacation. The country has since taken measures to try to ensure such a catastrophe isn't repeated.

Those measures include a color-coded heat alert system to warn people when temperatures are expected to rise to dangerous levels in their area. The alert system went to its maximum level of red for the first time during last month's heat wave, when France saw its highest-ever recorded temperature.

There are also public service announcements on television, radio and in public transportation systems about risks of high temperatures, telling people to drink water and watch out for isolated elderly people. Millions of euros in extra funding for emergency services, including more staff members in hospi-

tals and nursing homes overwhelmed in 2003. A government report at the time blamed the death toll on lack of coordination among government agencies, nursing homes that lacked air conditioning and overnight staff, lack of a public alert system, and other problems.

Still, few homes in France or Germany have air conditioning, and many public buildings also lack air conditioning, including hospitals and schools.

In the Netherlands, local authorities have taken an unusual precaution — with trucks scattering salt on the roads like they usually do in the winter.

The salt spreaders are usually used to prevent ice forming on Dutch roads in the cold, but Arnhem municipality started using them to cool off asphalt that is baking in the heat wave.

The city says in a statement that the salt “attracts moisture from the air and cools the asphalt.” It also prevents the asphalt from becoming sticky.

Across London, authorities started handing out water and sunscreen to homeless people and opened day centers for them to rest and shower. In the Lewisham district of the British capital, garbage collectors will start working as early as 5 a.m. in the morning to beat the heat. London police warned people not to swim in the city's River Thames after a young man died there Tuesday night.

“Whilst at times, the Thames may look appealing, especially in this hot weather, it remains very dangerous all year round,” police said in a statement. “On initial entry the water can seem warm on the surface, but further in it can be freezing cold and there are often very strong undercurrents.”

WHEN IS IT OVER?

The heat wave will end in a few days. On the weekend, temperatures are expected to fall. However, quite often end of a heat wave brings storms, including lightning and heavy flooding. □



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Theresa May leaves with head held high but dogged by Brexit

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Theresa May has plenty of options now that she's no longer a resident of 10 Downing Street.

She could opt for the highly paid speaker circuit, become a consultant to an investment bank, or take a high profile PR position — like former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who signed up with Facebook for his post-politics career. But May is not cashing in — for now. Ever modest and dutiful, the former prime minister simply plans to take a backseat role in Parliament, one of 650 members of the House of Commons, representing her longtime district as she has for more than two decades.

After the heartbreak of trying to wrench Britain out of the European Union — an effort that produced a still unbroken impasse that dominated her three year premiership — May seems to crave a bit of normalcy. "I am about to leave Downing Street but I am proud to continue as the member



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May and her Husband Philip May wave from the steps of 10 Downing Street, as they leave to visit Queen Elizabeth II, where she will officially resign as Prime Minister, in London, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

of Parliament for Maidenhead. I will continue to do all I can to serve the national interest," she said, walking away from the heights of power with her head held high and her husband

Philip at her side. While the Brexit project she touted on her arrival remains in tatters, May cited her role as Britain's second female prime minister as a positive record for women.

"I hope that every young girl who has seen a woman prime minister now knows for sure that there are no limits to what they can achieve," she said in her final Downing Street ad-

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dress. An hour earlier, she told members of Parliament that a future female prime minister — or perhaps more than one — could be in their midst.

May's final months were painful as Parliament repeatedly rejected the Brexit divorce deal with the EU that was the cornerstone of her administration. She finally accepted that her Conservative Party was hopelessly divided on the issue, and succumbed to pressure to step down.

May has promised her "full support" for successor Boris Johnson, who now inherits the Brexit stalemate with an Oct. 31 deadline for Britain's departure fast approaching. But many expect her to use her parliamentary vote — and her influence — to try to prevent Britain from leaving the EU without a deal, which Johnson says he's willing to do if necessary.

Former Conservative Party legislator Matthew Parris said he does not expect May to stay out of the fray even though her role is much reduced. □

Former Kosovo PM refuses to answer court's questions

By MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Kosovo's former prime minister refused to answer questions put to him Wednesday by prosecutors at a court investigating alleged war crimes by separatist fighters from the Kosovo Liberation Army two decades ago.

Ramush Haradinaj said he had fulfilled his obligation to the court by attending the meeting and does not expect to be indicted.

"I came today as a suspect, in order to commit my legal obligation based



Former Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj arrives for a Kosovo tribunal, at the Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

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on an invitation from the Specialist Prosecutor's Office of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers," he said.

"I followed my legal counsel's advice not to respond to the questions."

He said prosecutors asked him in general terms about his role in the KLA and other issues, "but nothing concrete."

The court, which is part of the Kosovo judicial system, is declining comment on the questioning of Haradinaj as it is part of an ongoing investigation.

It was a brief return to The Hague for Haradinaj, who

was twice acquitted of charges linked to Kosovo's fight for independence by a United Nations war crimes tribunal in the Dutch city.

Haradinaj resigned as prime minister a week ago ahead of his questioning at the court, which is looking into crimes against ethnic Serbs allegedly committed during and after Kosovo's 1998-99 war.

"I have not wanted to bring the head of the government, the state here," he said of his decision to step down.

"Today it is Ramush Haradinaj here." □

Iran's president hints at quid pro quo for seized UK ship

By **NASSER KARIMI**

AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Hassan Rouhani suggested on Wednesday that Iran might release a U.K.-flagged ship if Britain takes similar steps to release an Iranian oil tanker seized by the British Royal Navy off Gibraltar earlier this month. His remarks could create an opening to reduce tensions as Boris Johnson becomes prime minister. It's unclear how the new government will respond to Rouhani's suggestion or the impasse with Iran.

"We do not seek the continuation of tension with some European countries," Rouhani said in comments carried on his website. "Should they be committed to international frameworks and give up their wrong actions, including what they did in Gibraltar, they will receive a proportional response from Iran." Britain this week announced plans to develop and deploy a Europe-led "maritime protection mission" to safeguard shipping in the area after Iran's Revolutionary Guard seized the *Stena Impero* in the Strait of Hormuz on Friday.

Rouhani said that while Iran does not seek a military conflict, it will not allow threats to its security in the important waterway. He



This Monday, July 22, 2019 Maxar Technologies shows a close up of British-flagged oil tanker *Stena Impero* at the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas.

described the Iranian seizure of the ship as "professional and brave."

Iranian officials have alleged the ship was seized after it violated international maritime law by turning off its signaling for longer than is allowed and passing through the wrong channels.

However, Iranian officials have also suggested the ship was seized in response to Britain's role in impounding an Iranian supertanker two weeks earlier off the coast of Gibraltar, a British overseas territory. The U.K.

says the tanker was suspected of violating sanctions on oil shipments to Syria.

Both sides have called the interception of one another's ships "hostile acts" and "piracy."

Stena Bulk, the owner of the ship being held by Iran, said it made first contact Tuesday evening with the crew of 23 since its seizure five days ago. The company said the ship's master advised "that everyone was safe with good cooperation with the Iranian personnel onboard."

The crew are mostly Indian, but also include Filipino, Russian and Latvian nationals. Iranian state TV aired video of the crew onboard the vessel off Iran's port of Bandar Abbas earlier this week.

A spate of incidents in past weeks has threatened security in the Strait of Hormuz, which lies between Iran and Oman. Tensions have also soared following President Donald Trump's decision last year to withdraw from the nuclear deal and impose maximal sanctions on Iran.

One-fifth of globally traded crude passes through the Strait of Hormuz, making it an internationally important chokepoint for world energy supplies from Gulf exporters.

In past weeks, Iran has shot down a U.S. spy drone, U.S. officials say military cyberforces struck Iranian computer systems that handle missile and rocket launchers, and six oil tankers have been sabotaged near the strait. Iranian officials on Wednesday reiterated their denial that any Iranian drones were intercepted, after the U.S. military said Tuesday that it took aim at two of them last week.

U.S. Central Command said one Iranian drone crashed into the sea after the USS *Boxer* took "defensive action" against it last Thursday. It said the *Boxer* also "engaged" a second Iranian drone at the same time, but could not confirm it was destroyed.

Iran's defense minister, Gen. Amir Hatami, told reporters Wednesday that "if someone claims he should provide evidence," adding that "none of our drones have been intercepted." Despite a U.K. government advisory that British-flagged ships avoid the Strait of Hormuz, a large British-flagged vessel transited the corridor and arrived at a port in Qatar on Wednesday. □

Deaths as bomber detonates in Mogadishu mayor's office

By **ABDI GULED**

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)

— A suicide bomber walked into the office of Mogadishu's mayor and detonated explosives strapped to his waist, killing six people and badly wounding the mayor minutes after a visit from the new United Nations envoy, Somali officials said Wednesday.

The attack claimed by the al-Shabab extremist group occurred after the envoy to Somalia, James Swan, paid the mayor a "courtesy call" and left the compound, an official at the mayor's office told The Associated Press. The official



Medical workers help civilian on stretcher who was wounded in suicide bomb, at Madina hospital, Mogadishu, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The U.N. mission in Somalia in a tweet before the bombing posted photos of the smiling mayor and en-

voy, saying Swan had received an overview of the "challenges" in the region. The mayor, Abdirahman Omar Osman, and his deputy were rushed to a hospital with critical wounds, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein said.

Somalia's information minister Mohamed Abdi Hayir said six officials were killed and six others were wounded. He told reporters the mayor was being treated and gave no further details. He also confirmed an investigation was underway.

A Somali intelligence official said the officials killed included two district commissioners, two local gov-

ernment directors and a senior adviser to the mayor. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

It was not clear how the bomber managed to enter the mayor's office during a security meeting. Some security officials said the attacker might have coordinated with corrupt officials, offering them bribes for access.

The al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab often targets government buildings such as the presidential palace and other high-profile parts of Mogadishu with bombings. □

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Ebola vaccine hampered by deep distrust in eastern Congo

By KRISTA LARSON
Associated Press

BENI, Congo (AP) — Until his last breath, Salomon Nduhi Kambale insisted he had been poisoned by someone and that was the reason he was vomiting blood. The 30-year-old man wouldn't give community health teams his phone number, and when they found it, he hung up on them.

Health workers were desperate to persuade him to get vaccinated for Ebola after a friend fell ill with the lethal and highly contagious disease.

But within days, Nduhi was dead. His widow and their four young children were given his positive Ebola test result and a chilling warning from a team of health workers: "If you don't accept vaccination, you can prepare to die."

Deep distrust — along with political instability and deadly violence — has severely undermined efforts by public health authorities in Congo to curb the outbreak by tracing and vaccinating those who may have come into contact with infected people.

Health experts agree the experimental Ebola vaccine has saved multitudes in Congo. But after nearly a year and some 171,000 doses given, the epidemic shows few signs of waning. The virus has killed more than 1,700 people and has now arrived in the region's largest city, Goma. The World Health Organization last week declared the outbreak a global health emergency.



In this Sunday, July 14, 2019 photo, burial workers dressed in protective gear carry the remains of Mussa Kathembo, an Islamic scholar who had prayed over those who were sick, in Beni, Congo.
Associated Press

During the 2014-16 Ebola epidemic in West Africa, which left more than 11,300 people dead, health workers could only dream of a vaccine with a 97.5 percent effectiveness rate that could improve the odds of survival even in those already infected.

"We have it now and it's not the miracle we wanted it to be," said Dr. Joanne Liu, president of Doctors Without Borders. "The fact that we've used so much vaccine, and the epidemic hasn't stopped, that shows us that contact tracing is not great."

WHO says as many as 90 percent of those eligible for vaccination have accepted it, but that figure only includes those who gave contact tracers enough information to be included on a list. The success rate

excludes those who distrusted health workers and fled, or those who couldn't be found in the first place. Health workers have been using what is known as a ring vaccination strategy: The vaccine is first given to those who were in close contact with a sick person. Then a second so-called ring is created by giving the vaccine to those who were in contact with those people.

Because of the difficulties in making that strategy work, some people didn't get vaccinated until they had already been infected with the virus, and they developed Ebola anyway.

That increased doubts about the vaccine in communities where the public health campaigns led by outsiders already were viewed with suspicion and

hostility.

"The rumors were if you got vaccinated you would die," said Liboke Kakule Muhingi, a 43-year-old farmer in Mangina, where the epidemic began last August. His mother was among the first to die. Then, one by one, six of his sisters who had cared for their ailing mother were killed by Ebola. Kakule accepted the vaccine and made sure his wife and eight children got it, too.

"If I hadn't, we'd all be dead," he said.

In some cases, health teams have been unable to reach certain areas because of violence or rebel activity.

Earlier this month, the head of the Congolese health ministry's response efforts in Beni was at one point unable to return from a field

visit while the military battled ADF rebels, who are linked to the Islamic State. More often, though, contact lists have fallen apart simply because people have deliberately evaded health workers or did not understand they shouldn't travel after being exposed. A pastor who became the first confirmed case in Goma had apparently put down fake names at health checkpoints to avoid detection.

He had been sickened in the town of Butembo and then took a bus while ill.

With Ebola's arrival in Goma, a city of more than 2 million people, some wonder whether there will be enough of the vaccine if the outbreak continues.

The vaccine's manufacturer, Merck, said it has 245,000 1-milliliter doses on hand and that could rise to 900,000 over the next 18 months. The dose in Congo also has been reduced to 0.5 mL, effectively doubling the supply.

"Whether or not the available doses are sufficient to fulfill the demands depends on the evolution of the outbreak, the access to the communities and the successful expansion of the production of additional doses by Merck in early 2020," WHO said.

There is a second experimental vaccine, produced by Johnson & Johnson, but health officials in Congo have said it will not be used because it needs further testing and would cause too much confusion. It requires two doses given one month apart. □

Brazil police nab 4 for alleged hacking of minister's phone

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's federal police arrested four people for allegedly hacking the phone of Justice Minister Sérgio Moro, a key member of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro's Cabinet who had previously been a renowned anti-corruption judge.

A federal judge in the capital of Brasília ordered the arrests of Gustavo Henrique Elias Santos, Suelen Priscila de Oliveira, Danilo Cristiano Marques and Walter Delgatti Neto. They live in three different cities in São Paulo state, but allegedly met in the countryside town of Araraquara.

The judge said the group invaded messaging app accounts of Moro, two federal judges and two federal police investigators. Later a federal forensics analyst said the group might have hacked into more than 1,000 phones, including the one of Economy Minister Paulo Guedes.

The ruling was issued Friday by judge Vallisney de Souza Oliveira but not made public until Wednesday.

Moro, who also heads Brazil's federal police, said on June 5 that his phone had



In this July 7, 2019 file photo, Brazil's Justice Minister Sergio Moro, flashing a "vee" for victory, and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, smile as they wait for the start of the Copa America title match between Brazil and Peru, at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

been hacked.

Four days later, the website The Intercept Brasil and other associated media outlets started publishing reports based on leaked messaging app exchanges between Moro and prosecutors dating back to the minister's time as a judge in a corruption investigation known as "Operation Car Wash," which led to the

arrests of many of Brazil's business and political elite, including former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Oliveira's ruling does not establish a direct link between the arrests and the reported exchanges, which have caused a major stir in Brazilian politics and led Moro to testify in Congress in a turbulent environment. The judge said in his deci-

sion that "there are strong indications the suspects formed a criminal organization to commit crimes, and joined together to violate the phone secrecy of several Brazilian authorities through the invasion of the Telegram app."

Oliveira also said two members of the group made suspicious transactions estimated at \$167,000 be-

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tween April 18 and June 29. Ariovaldo Moreira, an attorney for suspects Gustavo and Suelen Priscila, said much of those funds came from bitcoin negotiations. The two deny any wrongdoing the lawyer said.

The Associated Press could not find lawyers for suspects Danilo Cristiano Marques and Walter Delgatti Neto. Federal police investigator João Vianey Xavier Filho said the four suspects have a history in financial crimes. Moro said on Twitter the suspects were "the source of trust to those who published the alleged messages obtained through crime."

The Brazilian justice minister does not acknowledge the veracity of the exchanges reported and insists even if they were true there would be no wrongdoing in the statements made to Car Wash prosecutors.

Most of the reported exchanges focus on conversations of federal prosecutor Deltan Dallagnol, the spearhead of the Car Wash task force. A separate investigation is being conducted in the state of Paraná to determine whether Dallagnol's phone was hacked. □

Venezuela's Maduro: US triggered massive blackout

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on Wednesday blamed the United States for a second widespread blackout this year that cast most of the South American nation in darkness amid an opposition campaign to overthrow him.

Cuban officials, meanwhile, underscored that their support for Maduro is unwavering, saying U.S. attempts have failed to divide the communist island from the ideologically aligned Venezuelan leader.

The most recent power outage hit Venezuela at rush hour Monday, leaving millions without basic services such as cellphone service, lights and running water while freezing Caracas' subway and snarling traffic.



People protest a day after a massive blackout as they gather for a rally called by opposition leader and self-proclaimed interim president of Venezuela Juan Guaido, in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

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Maduro said the U.S. launched a "high-tech electromagnetic attack" to undermine his rule, but he gave no details or evidence linking the power failure to the United States. "They have not been able, nor will they be able to with

the unity, loyalty and cohesion of the Venezuelan armed force, which is making them desperate," Maduro said.

He spoke on state TV surrounded by the high military command at the Fuerte Tiuna military base

in Caracas overseeing the start to military exercises.

Maduro's opponents blame the outages on corruption and inadequate maintenance under two decades of socialist rule first launched by the late President Hugo Chavez.

Venezuela is a once-wealthy oil nation that is caught in a historic political and economic crisis that has sent at least four million residents fleeing, driven by a lack of food and medicine.

Electrical power returned to Caracas and several states hours after the most recent failure.

Maduro in March also blamed U.S. sabotage for a nationwide blackout lasting nearly a week, considered the nation's worst power failure in its history. Tensions between Venezu-

ela and the United States intensified this year when it was first among dozens of nations to announce its support of Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó. Venezuelan officials also say the U.S. twice within the last week has sent a spy plane into its airspace. In one case, a Venezuelan fighter jet intercepted it, which U.S. officials say put the plane's crew in danger and threatening its mission conducted while flying in international airspace.

Cuba said the U.S. plan to overthrow Maduro is a failure and Cuba is unshaken in its support for the Venezuelan leader. The U.S. has been imposing new sanctions on Cuba with the stated purpose of forcing the Communist island to cut back its support for Maduro. □



Happy Community Initiative supports Funny Bunny Camp “Every child has the right to enjoy a vacation camp during school breaks”

SAVANETA — Collins Leo John is the motor behind a happy vacation camp named Funny Bunny Camp. Over the past three weeks, more than a hundred children have participated in a program that offers a variety of fun, sports, creativity and social-emotional empowerment. “Every child has the right to enjoy a vacation camp. My goal is to give them a happy time against a fair fee.” The recently-launched Happy Community Initiative (HCI) supports the Funny Bunny camp. With your help, Collins and his team can give less fortunate kids a happy vacation!

At the neighborhood center of Savaneta, 105 children between 4-and-12 years old are playing, laughing, running, singing and jumping. There is a buzz of happiness in the air. The center is a great environment that offers a spacious indoor room with long tables to do arts & crafts, or for meals. There is a stage for shows as well. Outside, the children can play football and basketball on a court with stand or play other outside games on a smaller field.

No One Left Out

“Initially the camp is for kids from less fortunate families as many times they cannot participate in the vacation camps due to the high prices. We keep our costs low and even if you can’t pay we will work something out,” Collins says. A few children attend for free, while most are paying less, and there are a small number who provide the actual costs. “I know about 80 percent of the families and understand their situation. No child can be left out, that is my principle.”

When he was a ten-year-old boy, he experienced how it was to be left out when he and some friends could not join a vacation camp because there was no money. Collins: “Growing up I decided that I do not want other children to feel how I felt. I needed to do something about that and initiated my first camp at the age of 17 in collaboration with a local school.” From there, he continued organizing camps during his leisure time. “We have mentors that study at the institutions for secondary and higher vocational education that train students to become teachers at pre-school and primary school. There is also a social worker on the team and a police officer assisting the camp. I am the project leader and in daily life I work at the Police Forces Victim Support,” a passionate Collins explains. The camp has been in existence for nine years and operates during most school vacations.

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Funny Bunny camp has buses that pick up the children in the morning because not all parents have cars for transportation. “With the current tight economic situation on the island, more and more parents need to leave their children home alone. They work, many times two jobs, and try to meet ends as most of them are single parents. With this camp, we can help both the children and the parents.” Breakfast and lunch are included and they go out at least four times to the cinema, museums, and cultural sites or to do scavenger hunts. Collins: “We invite sports teachers, and local artists to work with the children and also collaborate with local foundations.”



Want to Help?

The Happy Community Initiative(HCI) supports Funny Bunny camp and coordinator Kimberly Mathilda explains why: “Funny Bunny camp is a great example of a camp that contributes to the island’s children in a way that is accessible to all. Mr. Collins John offers the camp against low prices and in case parents have no financial means he is always willing to find a solution. His goal is to make the children happy and offer a varied program with educational, enter-

taining and empowering elements.” HCI helps youth between 12-18 years with after school programs and youth-at-risk as well as mentorship activities during school breaks for all children. Collins mentions that the camp could use some skipping ropes, pull rope, balls, hula hoops, swinging-rings, arts & crafts, kitchen gear like cutlery and hard plastic cups and water jugs. Whether you are a local, company or visitor, read below how you can reach out to give some happiness to Aruba’s children. □

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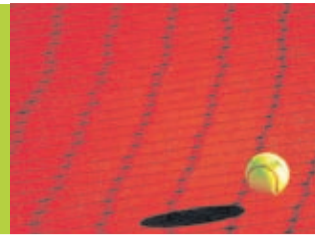


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SPORTS



Dustin Johnson of the United States plays off the 1st tee during the second round of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Friday, July 19, 2019.
Associated Press

Johnson, Thomas defending champs as WGC moves to Memphis

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dustin Johnson made it clear. Even though he won the last time the PGA Tour visited TPC Southwind, he's not the defending champion. That would be Justin Thomas, who is looking to become the first repeat winner at this World Golf Championships event since Tiger Woods took three straight from 2005 and 2007. Clear huh? This WGC switched sponsors, courses and even states, leaving Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, to the home course of the sponsor of the annual FedExCup. The new FedEx St. Jude Invitational starts Thursday at the course that hosted the St. Jude Classic from 1989 to last year. Johnson won the then-FedEx St. Jude Classic a year ago to reclaim the No. 1 spot in the world, holing out for eagle from 170 yards on the final hole for a six-stroke victory.

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SOX ON SALE



Boston beats Tampa Bay 5-4, moves into 2nd place in AL East

Boston Red Sox starter Chris Sale pitches against the Tampa Bay Rays during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.
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Turner hits for 2nd cycle, Nationals rout Rockies 11-1

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trea Turner hit his second career cycle, Stephen Strasburg earned his major league-leading 13th win and Washington routed Colorado.

Turner led off the first with homer, singled in the second and tripled in the fifth. After grounding into a double play in the sixth, he doubled home a run during Washington's eight-run seventh.

Strasburg (13-4) pitched six innings for his sixth straight win. He allowed three hits and two walks while striking out eight.

Colorado rookie Peter Lambert (2-2) gave up three runs and nine hits. He struck out eight with a walk for the Rockies, who have lost seven of eight.

Nationals catcher Yan Gomes had two hits, including an RBI single in the sixth. Strasburg singled his first time up, giving him hits in four straight at-bats.

ANGELS 5, DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kole Calhoun had a homer and two doubles before he threw out Cody Bellinger at the plate to end the Angels' Freeway Series victory over the Dodgers.

Mike Trout hit a tiebreaking homer and also made a perfect 260-foot throw to get Max Muncy at the plate earlier in the game, but the Angels needed another huge defensive play to win for the eighth time in 11 games.

Angels closer Hansel Robles got his 15th save despite allowing his first run since June 23.

Shohei Ohtani had a pinch-hit RBI single for the Angels,



Washington Nationals' Trea Turner, left, watches his solo home run in front of Colorado Rockies catcher Chris Iannetta and umpire Jerry Meals in the first inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in Washington.

who are four games above .500 for only the second time since June 2018.

Corey Seager had two hits for the NL West-leading Dodgers, whose three-game winning streak ended. Bellinger went 2 for 5. Kenta Maeda (7-7) recorded seven strikeouts while pitching four-hit ball into the fifth inning for the Dodgers.

Félix Peña (8-3) managed just 3 2/3 innings of three-hit ball this time.

GIANTS 5, CUBS 4, 13 INNINGS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pablo Sandoval homered with one out in the 13th inning, lifting San Francisco past Chicago.

Sandoval just cleared the left-field fence with his first-pitch drive off Brad Brach (3-3) that went to replay and was upheld to formally

finish the 3-hour, 45-minute game.

Sam Coonrod (1-0), San Francisco's fifth reliever, pitched the 13th for his first career victory.

Madison Bumgarner struck out seven over seven innings in another strong start.

Kris Bryant hit a pair of RBI singles, and Jason Heyward hit a tying single for the Cubs, who have lost 10 of the last 14 in San Francisco.

METS 5, PADRES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Robinson Canó hit three home runs, leading Jason Vargas and New York over San Diego.

The 36-year-old Canó drove in all five runs and went 4 for 4. Vargas pitched one-hit ball for six shutout innings.

Canó homered three times in a game for the first time in his career. It was just the

third three-homer game ever by a Mets player at home — Lucas Duda and Kirk Nieuwenhuis both did it in July 2015.

After singling in the first, Canó hit a two-run homer off Chris Paddack (6-5) in the sixth and a two-run shot in the seventh off Logan Allen.

Vargas (5-5) put on a pitching clinic. He permitted only a single by Eric Hosmer in the fifth, struck out eight and walked three.

Edwin Díaz relieved with two on in the ninth and got his 22nd save in 26 chances.

CARDINALS 4, PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt homered for the second straight night, José Martínez added his 10th home run and Dakota Hudson rebounded from a shaky start to lead St. Louis

past Pittsburgh.

Goldschmidt delivered a two-run drive in the third inning off Chris Archer (3-7). Martínez put St. Louis in front with a solo shot leading off the fifth, and Hudson and two relievers shut down the Pirates after spotting Pittsburgh a 3-0 lead.

Hudson (10-4) surrendered a Starling Marte homer and then settled down. The 24-year-old rookie worked 6 1/3 innings, giving up six hits and three walks. Giovanny Gallegos and Andrew Miller retired the last eight Pittsburgh batters, with Miller throwing a perfect ninth for his third save.

Pittsburgh fell to 2-9 since over its last 11 games, with four of the losses to St. Louis.

ROYALS 5, BRAVES 4

ATLANTA (AP) — Lucas Duda delivered Kansas City's first pinch-hit homer of the season to break a tie in the eighth inning, and the Royals beat NL East-leading Atlanta.

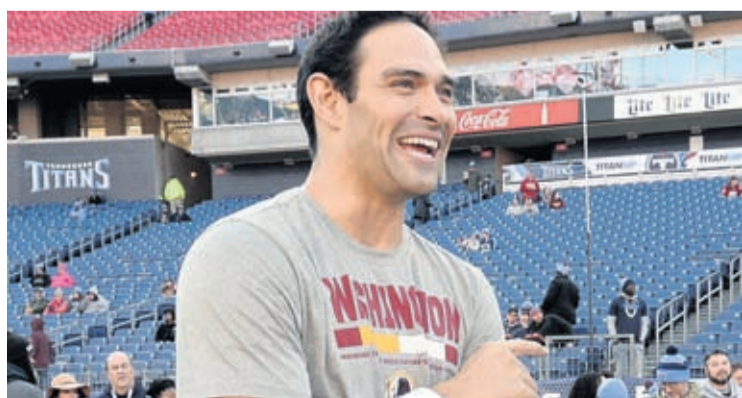
Alex Gordon also homered for the Royals and drove in two runs.

Starters Dallas Keuchel of Atlanta and Danny Duffy of Kansas City went six strong innings with double-digit strikeouts but didn't factor in the decision. Keuchel allowed just three hits and struck out 12.

Duffy surrendered one run on five hits with 11 strikeouts.

Ian Kennedy gave up three straight singles to start the ninth but bounced back for his 18th save.

Ronald Acuña extended his career-best on-base streak to 28 games when he was hit by a pitch in the third. □



In this Dec. 22, 2018, file photo, Washington Redskins quarterback Mark Sanchez smiles before an NFL football game between the Redskins and the Tennessee Titans, in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

Former USC, Jets QB Sanchez retires from NFL and joins ESPN

By The Associated Press

Former USC star and New York Jets first-round pick Mark Sanchez is retiring from the NFL and joining ESPN as a college football analyst.

Sanchez played quarterback for Southern California from 2005-08, earning Rose Bowl MVP honors in his final college game. He was selected fifth overall in the 2009 NFL draft by the Jets and led them to the AFC championship game in each of his first

two seasons. The 32-year-old also played for the Eagles, Cowboys and Redskins in a 10-year NFL career. He finished with 15,357 yards passing, 86 touchdown passes and 89 interceptions.

This season, Sanchez will join anchor Kevin Negandhi and analyst Jonathan Vilma, another former Jets player, on ABC's studio show.

Sanchez replaces Mack Brown, who returned to coaching at North Carolina. □

Red Sox move into 2nd place for 1st time since March

By The Associated Press
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Christian Vázquez hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning, Marcus Walden bailed Boston out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 on Tuesday night to move into second place in the AL East for the first time since the second day of the season.

The defending World Series champions have recovered from a 3-8 start and improved to a season-high 10 games over .500 at 56-46, moving one percentage point ahead of the Rays (57-47), who have lost seven of eight.

Vázquez snapped a 2-2 tie with his second career pinch-homer, a drive into the left-field seats off Colin Poche (2-4).

Boston boosted the lead to 5-2 in the eighth when Andrew Benintendi hit an RBI groundout and Jackie Bradley Jr. was hit by a pitch from Adam Kolarek with the bases loaded, forcing in a run.

Ji-Man Choi's had a run-scoring single off Brandon Workman in the ninth. Walden entered with the bases loaded and two outs, walked Tommy Pham on four pitches, then retired Austin Meadows on a game-ending groundout.

Chris Sale (5-9) allowed two runs on Travis d'Arnaud's third-inning homer and limited the Rays to just three other hits. He struck out 10 over six innings.

YANKEES 14, TWINS 12, 10 INNINGS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Hicks made a game-saving catch in center field for the final out in the 10th inning,

Didi Gregorius had five hits and seven RBIs, and New York beat Minnesota in a game that featured five lead changes or ties in the final three innings.

Gleyber Torres scored Gregorius with an RBI single in the top of the 10th and New York tacked on another run on a wild pitch by Kohl Stewart (2-2). Adam Ottavino walked the bases loaded in the bottom of the inning, and then Chad Green allowed a drive to Max Kepler into the left-center field gap. Hicks ran it down and caught it with a diving, backhanded effort at the warning track, ending the game after 5 hours, 3 minutes.

The madness began with New York's five-run eighth inning for a 10-9 lead. Mike Tauchman had an RBI double, then Aaron Judge and Gregorius added two-run doubles. The inning ended when Gary Sánchez grounded out and then was pulled with an apparent injury to his right leg.

Aroldis Chapman (3-2) earned the win after blowing his third save in six appearances and his sixth of the season in the ninth inning. He walked the first three batters, and Ehire Adrianza scored a tying run on Jorge Polanco's sacrifice fly.

BLUE JAYS 2, INDIANS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Justin Smoak tied the game with a homer in the ninth inning and knocked in the winning run with a two-out single in the 10th as Toronto beat Cleveland.

Smoak got the winning hit off lefty Tyler Olson (1-1), scoring Eric Sogard.

Toronto's Ken Giles (2-2) pitched one inning and

earned the win.

The Indians carried a three-hitter into the ninth before Smoak spoiled the shutout bid, homering with a one-out off closer Brad Hand, who squandered a save opportunity for the second time in 29 chances.

Adam Cimber got the first two outs in the 10th inning. Olson came on and walked Sogard, who advanced to second on a wild pitch. Sogard moved to third on an infield single by Freddy Galvis and scored when Smoak singled off the glove of a diving Jose Ramirez at third base.

Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez allowed one run and five hits in five innings.

RANGERS 7, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Rougned Odor homered twice, Nomar Mazara reached the third deck with an impressive shot and Texas ended an eight-game skid with a win over Seattle.

Shin-Soo Choo led off the game by homering on Tommy Milone's first pitch, and the Rangers went on to snap the fourth-longest losing streak in the majors this year. Seattle has lost three of four.

Milone (1-5) pitched through the sixth inning, giving up nine hits and striking out five.

Long reliever Pedro Payano (1-0) struck out seven and gave up one run and three hits in five innings following opener Brett Martin. It was his first major league win in his second appearance.

Omar Narvaez and J.P. Crawford had run-scoring hits for Seattle.

MARLINS 5, WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Caleb Smith retired his first 17 batters and cruised through



Boston Red Sox pinch hitter Christian Vazquez, right, circles the bases after hitting a solo home run off Tampa Bay Rays reliever Colin Poche, left, during the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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seven innings of two-hit ball, and Miami beat Chicago. Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer to cap Miami's four-run fourth inning against Dylan Covey (1-6). Harold Ramirez added a solo shot in the fifth as the NL-worst Marlins ended a four-game skid.

Smith (6-4) worked perfectly through a depleted White Sox lineup before walking Adam Engel and Leury García with two outs in the sixth. Jon Jay followed by grounding a single to right for Chicago's first hit and only run. Smith struck out nine — including five straight over the fifth and sixth innings.

Covey allowed five runs and six hits through six innings.

Relievers Nick Anderson and Jarlin García each tossed a perfect inning to close it out.

ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3, 11 INNINGS

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Olson hit a three-run home run in the ninth inning and Ramon Laureano added a ground-rule RBI double with one out in the 11th, giving Oakland a win over Houston.

It was tied at 3-3 when Olson singled off Collin McHugh (3-5) with one out in the 11th, before Mark Canha walked. Laureano then hit a ball to left field that rolled to the wall and lodged between the padding and the ground. Both runners scored by the time Josh Reddick got the ball and threw it in. But the play was reviewed and Canha was returned to third base because the ball was lodged under the wall. Oakland starter Mike Fiers allowed six hits and two runs in 7 2/3 innings but did not factor into the decision. Yusmeiro Petit (3-2) struck out two in two perfect innings for the win. □

Bucs' Kela returns, doesn't refute report of altercation

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pirates reliever Keone Kela has returned from a two-game suspension for an unspecified violation of his contract and was cagey when asked about what led to the ban. Yahoo Sports reported Wednesday that Kela was suspended

due to an altercation with Hector Morales, the team's director of cultural readiness and peak performance coach.

Asked specifically about that report, Kela said he "wouldn't say it's not true" but also "wouldn't say it's a fact." Kela also said that

"nothing happened" and said "no explanations" were provided by the Pirates for his suspension.

He said he was looking forward to returning to the mound.

Before serving his suspension, Kela had been on the injured list since May 6

with right shoulder inflammation. He's pitched in 14 games this season and has a 4.63 ERA.

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle declined to comment on the reason for Kela's suspension and said he considers the matter closed.

To make room for Kela

on the roster, the Pirates moved catcher Francisco Cervelli (concussion) to the 60-day injured list and placed right-hander Clay Holmes on the 10-day injured list with right triceps inflammation prior to Wednesday's game against St. Louis. □

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Evian in a heat wave starts back-to-back women's golf majors

By **GRAHAM DUNBAR**

AP Sports Writer

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France

(AP) — Restored to July on the calendar, the Evian Championship begins back-to-back weeks of major championships in women's golf for the first time in six decades on Thursday.

It shapes up as a tough test starting in a French heat wave for players who aim to play eight rounds of major golf in 11 days here and at the Women's British Open. "There's so much emotion that is going to go into this," defending champion Angela Stanford said Wednesday, pointing to a challenge for players unfamiliar with either Evian Resort Golf Club or next week's venue at Woburn, England.

According to the LPGA Tour, playing majors in successive weeks has not been tried since 1960. This year's schedule also condenses the five majors into exactly four months — from



In this Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 file photo, Angela Stanford of the U.S. poses with her trophy after winning the Evian Championship women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France.

the April 4 start of the ANA Inspiration to the final round of the British Open on Aug. 4. To become the fifth women's major in 2013, the \$4.1 million Evian Championship gave up its place in the July sun for typically rainy September. Entire rounds were twice swept from the record books before winners of 54-hole tournaments were crowned in 2013 and 2017.

"I do hate the cold. I was

complaining a little when it used to be in September and colder," said top-ranked Sung Hyun Park. In a Thursday storm two years ago, Park's 6-over score after five holes was abandoned for a fresh Friday start. She missed the cut last year. The 25-year-old South Korean never played at Evian when it was a regular LPGA Tour-sanctioned event in July from 2003 to 2012. The hot, dry summer

in eastern France is forecast to continue for the first two rounds with mid-30s Celsius (mid-90s F) temperatures.

Still, the par-71, 6,527-yard (5,968-meter) course is not set up quite as expected.

The greens are predictably harder and faster than in September — "runs more and bounces a lot more," Park said — though the course is playing long off the tee. "I'm a little bit disappointed in the fairways right now. A lot of players expected firm and fast, and it's not," Stanford said, adding the conditions could force players to "play more on defense."

On undulating hills overlooking Lake Geneva, the course can be a demanding walk in the heat before the expected weekend arrival of thunderstorms. The forecast for Sunday's final round is an autumnal 20 C (68 F) in the rain.

"I need to conserve energy," 15th-ranked Jessica Korda said of playing

back-to-back big events.

"I know what I feel like after majors and how much time I like to take off." A win for Korda, or her 10th-ranked sister Nelly, would extend a streak of five straight first-time winners of majors.

In a period lacking a dominant player, 10 different players won the past 10 women's majors, starting with In-Kyung Kim's 2017 British Women's Open title. All 10 are in the 120-player Evian field.

Stanford may be the biggest outsider among them, having gone without a top-20 finish since her victory here. "Honestly, it's been a very bad year," said the forthright Texan, who could take inspiration from Americans who retained their title in France this month.

Stanford said she was in a Chicago park on July 7 watching a public screening of the United States soccer team's victory in the Women's World Cup final. □



Justin Thomas of the United States acknowledges the crowd after completing his round on the 18th green during the final round of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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Johnson is the only player in the exclusive field of 63 who won on the course where that amazing shot for eagle is commemorated by a plaque. He also won here in 2012, a nice advantage in an event featuring 25 players making their debuts on the par-70 course with water on 11 of the 18 holes. "It's always nice to come back to a place where you've won, or I've won a couple times," Johnson said Wednesday after finishing up a practice round without taking a look at the plaque. "It's always nice to come back here. I've got good vibes here, and I like the golf course. I feel like I know the golf course very well, I know what you have to do to succeed here. So it's a place where I enjoy coming back to and I look forward to this week."

Thomas, who won his ninth tour title and first World Golf Championships event last year in Ohio, hasn't talked with Johnson about who is the defending champ. They will be playing together with Paul Casey, and Thomas says he'd probably give the nod to Johnson thanks to his familiarity with TPC Southwind.

"I've never played here in my life, and he won

the tournament here last year," Thomas said. "So I don't think so it's going to have any impact on who plays better this week, but he can have it if he wants it. I'm not losing any sleep over it."

The best field is best ever in Memphis despite the town hosting a PGA Tour event since 1958, even if local fans were disappointed when Tiger Woods announced last week he needed rest after missing the cut at the British Open. Even with Shane Lowry withdrawing in the wake of winning the British Open, 46 of the world's top 50 are here, led by the likes of Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day.

McIlroy missed the cut last week by one stroke. He spent the past three days helping his wife unpack boxes in their new home, and he's back here for the first time since tying for seventh in 2012.

"It's a bit of a contrast considering the type of golf we've had to play the last two weeks back over in the U.K. Green speeds are a little different," McIlroy said. "Hit my first couple of putts there about 10 feet past."

Koepka is among those very familiar with the 7,244-yard course that had served as a final tuneup for the U.S. Open before

the tour changed up the schedule and needed a new host for the fourth World Golf Championships event. He has a pair of top six finishes here, and he arrived in Memphis as the new leader in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career with only two weeks left until the playoffs begin.

"I love this place," Koepka said. "This place has always been good to me."

Rain on Sunday and Monday helped soften up the course that rewards those striking the ball well. Miss the fairways and over par is easily in reach.

The biggest challenge for those who played at Royal Portrush in Ireland last week may be jet lag. Thomas said he woke up at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, while Justin Rose, the 2018 FedExCup champ, arrived Tuesday night for his first event in Memphis.

He's playing with Matt Kuchar, his roomie this week at a condo, and Jordan Spieth to ease his transition. Rose has been someone who preferred to practice rather than compete before a U.S. Open.

"So to have the opportunity to finally be here in Memphis is something I've been looking forward to," Rose said. □



Minnesota Lynx Sylvia Fowles goes to the basket for two defended by the Minnesota Mystics' Kristi Toliver during the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Minneapolis, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Associated Press

Toliver scores 32, Mystics beat Lynx before All-Star break

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kristi Toliver scored 20 of her season-high 32 points in the first half, Elena Delle Donne reached 3,500 career points and the Washington Mystics beat the Minnesota Lynx 79-71 on Wednesday. Toliver scored 14 points in the first quarter by making her first six shots and topped her previous season high of 19 in the first half to help Washington build a 44-32 lead. Delle Donne became the second-fastest player in league history to reach the career mark behind Diana Taurasi. Delle Donne, wearing a protective mask after fracturing her nose earlier this month, finished with 11 points as Washington (12-6) won for the third straight time. Lexie Brown scored 19 points and Sylvia Fowles had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota (10-10), which has lost three in a row.

Minnesota trailed by as many as 20 points in the second half, but Brown banked in her fifth 3-pointer just before the third-quarter buzzer to cap an 8-0 run,

getting the Lynx to within 65-53. The lead remained in double figures until the 2:34 mark.

SUN 70, LIBERTY 63

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Jasmine Thomas had 18 points and seven assists, Courtney Williams added 13 points and eight rebounds and the Connecticut Sun beat the New York Liberty for their fourth straight victory.

Connecticut held New York scoreless for nearly the first five minutes of the second half, and the Liberty finished the quarter with just seven points. It was the fourth straight game Connecticut has held an opponent to under 70 points.

Jonquel Jones added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Connecticut (13-6), which is tied with the Las Vegas Aces for the best record in the WNBA at the All-Star break. The Sun shot just 36% on 27-of-76 shooting.

Tina Charles led New York (8-11) with 13 points and 11 rebounds. She had nine points before halftime and scored her first points of the second half with 5:11 remaining in the fourth. □

U.S. women's soccer to play Portugal in pair of exhibitions

CHICAGO (AP) — The world champion U.S. women's team will play a pair of exhibitions against Portugal on its victory tour, on Aug. 29 at Philadelphia and five days later at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Americans open the

tour on Aug. 3 against Ireland at Pasadena, California. The U.S. Soccer Federation said Wednesday a pair of additional friendlies are planned for Oct. 3 and 6. All 23 players on the World Cup roster will be selected for the games. □

Alaphilippe, Thomas bracing for a mouthwatering Tour showdown

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
AP Sports Writer

GAP, France (AP) — Picture the final showdown in "High Noon." But at more than a mile above sea level.

With an Alpine trilogy of stages including six climbs in rarefied air, forecasts of stormy weather and only 39 seconds separating five riders determined to topple yellow jersey holder Julian Alaphilippe, the next three days at cycling's marquee race have all the ingredients for an explosive and suspenseful conclusion.

In the role of former marshal Will Kane, Alaphilippe. With his good looks and heart-on-the-sleeve style of racing, he has become France's national hero over the past two weeks, raising hopes that the host country will finally get its Tour champion after a 34-year wait.

After claiming the race lead by storm with a couple of well-timed attacks followed up with a shock victory in the race's individual time trial, Alaphilippe surprisingly hung onto the coveted tunic in the Pyrenees last week.

But the odds are firmly stacked against the Quick Step-Deceuninck rider in the Alps, a terrain with very long climbs that do not suit his punchy style. But like Marshal Kane, "Ala-Panache" — the nickname he earned this summer — is

ready for a final battle.

"I can take punches in the mountains," Alaphilippe said on Wednesday after Matteo Trentin won Stage 17, making the most of a long breakaway that Tour favorites were happy to let go. "I'm looking forward to the Alps."

Alaphilippe was not even born when Bernard Hinault won the last of his five Tour de France titles back in 1985. Thursday will mark the 13th day he will be wearing the yellow jersey, making him the first Frenchman to reach that tally at a single Tour since Hinault's final win.

"One extra day in yellow, this is wonderful," Alaphilippe said. "I will fight until the end. I'm gonna give it all."

If Alaphilippe fails to defend his 1 minute, 35-second lead, another Frenchman is ready to take over in the person of Thibaut Pinot. The FDJ-Groupama leader has demonstrated in the Pyrenees that he was the best climber, taking time on all his rivals to make up for the time he lost in crosswinds earlier in the race.

Pinot is among the five riders who can believe they have a chance to win the Tour on Sunday on the Champs-Élysées, alongside defending champion Geraint Thomas, Steven Kruijswijk, Egan Bernal and



Emanuel Buchmann. Both Thomas and Kruijswijk, who are respectively second and third overall, were handed a blow on Wednesday, losing one teammate each on disciplinary grounds. Race organizers said Thomas' teammate Luke Rowe and Tony Martin, who rides in support of Kruijswijk, were kicked out following an altercation. Despite the setback, the Ineos team has a double card to play with Bernal and Thomas.

Bernal is a pure climber from Colombia used to riding above 2,000 meters (6,560 feet), while Thomas is the most experienced of all contenders. He knows how to win a three-week race, and despite the minor crash he suffered on Tuesday, his morale is high. "Looking forward to it now. Big three days and a big test," Thomas said.

He added that Alaphilippe might be in for a tough time

Thursday, with teams possibly riding hard to make him crack. Stage 18 to Valloire features two punishing and famed climbs, the Col d'Izoard and the Col du Galibier.

"He wasn't great a couple of days ago and he's been racing really well all race, so you'd think he'd be starting to get tired now," Thomas said. "So, yeah, I guess teams will be thinking to try and make it hard all day."

On paper, Stages 19 and 20 look even more difficult, with the Iseran mountain and two consecutive summit finishes. At 2,770 meters (9,090 feet), the Iseran is a Tour de France giant and one of the highest road passes in Europe where thin air makes things harder.

"Every day is going to be important," Thomas said. For Trentin and other already exhausted riders with no ambition in the general classification, the last stage

that really mattered is now behind them. And the Italian rider made the most of it to post a third career stage win at the Tour.

With the peloton happy to let an early breakaway develop at the start of the hilly, 200-kilometer trek to Gap, Trentin rode at the front for most of the stage and moved clear of the leading group about 14 kilometers from the finish at the bottom of the Col de la Sentinelle. He was first at the summit and went all out in the downhill leading to Gap. Kasper Asgreen was second, 37 seconds behind, with Olympic champion Greg Van Avermaet completing the podium.

Already thinking about the Alps, Alaphilippe and his rivals crossed more than 20 minutes behind.

"Everybody is exhausted, it was the final day for saving strength," Alaphilippe said. "The trilogy in the Alps will decide the winner." □



From left, Anthony Precourt, Josh Wolff and Andy Loughnane pose for a photo during a news conference in Austin on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

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Josh Wolff to be 1st head coach of Austin FC

By **JIM VERTUNO**
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Austin FC is turning to a familiar face in U.S. soccer to lead the new franchise into its inaugural MLS season in 2021. Josh Wolff, former U.S. men's national team striker and current assistant, was named Austin head coach on Tuesday, taking over a club that doesn't yet have a roster or a stadium but

does have big plans for the future.

The 42-year-old Wolff is taking his career to the next level as a coach. While rumored to be a candidate for several jobs, Austin will be his first as a head coach after seven years as an assistant, the last six with Gregg Berhalter at the Columbus Crew and the U.S. national team. He will stay with the national team

through November.

"I know what Anthony expects. I'm proud to be on board with that," Wolff said.

"Our stated ambition is to establish ourselves quickly within MLS as a vibrant, attacking side and we want to reflect the diverse, competitive, and passionate makeup of our club's home, both on and off the field." □

Viva Federica: Pellegrini wins 8th world medal in 200 free

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

GWANGJU, South Korea (AP) — Federica Pellegrini

began the countdown to the end of her stellar career in style.

The Italian defeated a field of younger competitors, minus ailing Katie Ledecky, to win the 200-meter freestyle at the world swimming championships on Wednesday night.

Pellegrini, who turns 31 next month, is competing at her final worlds. She's aiming to make a fifth Olympics in Tokyo next year before retiring.

She overtook 18-year-old Australian Ariarne Titmus down the stretch to earn her fourth career gold — and record eighth consecutive medal — in her signature event. The Italian touched in 1 minute, 54.22 seconds.

"I'm not sad, I'm so happy," Pellegrini said. "I'm so happy because it's an amazing world championships, an amazing 200 and I hope next year, my last Olympic championship, and after that a new life."

Sun Yang was back in the pool but with none of the rancor from the previous night when he was booed and shunned on the medals podium. The Chinese star with a history of doping failed to medal in the 800 free.

Pellegrini joined Katinka Hosszu of Hungary and Sarah Sjöström of Sweden as the only women to win an event at least four times at worlds.

"It's amazing," she said.

Pellegrini's dominant run began in 2005 in Montreal, where she took silver. She earned bronze in 2007 and then won in 2009, setting a world record that still stands from the high-tech suit era, and again in 2011.

She was runner-up in 2013 in Barcelona and in 2015 in Kazan, where Ledecky won, before winning two years ago in Budapest.

Pellegrini worked her way from seventh on the opening lap to fourth and then second before overcoming Titmus with a last time split of 28.90 seconds to the

Aussie's 29.51. "I am too old for this," Pellegrini joked.

Titmus, who stunned Ledecky in winning the 400

winning the 200 butterfly. Milak touched in 1:50.73 to lower the mark of 1:51.51 that Phelps set at the 2009

ca was out under world-record pace through the first lap before Milak gained the lead after 150 meters.

ish team of Georgia Davies, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Freya Anderson earned bronze.

The crowd clapped along to the Italian national anthem for a second time when Gregorio Paltrinieri won the 800 free in 7:39.27. Henrik Christiansen of Denmark earned silver and David Aubry of France took bronze.

Sun was never a factor in the event he's won three times and finished sixth. He was cheered by fans from his country as he came on deck and waved to the crowd as he walked off.

There was none of the booing that rained down on him a night earlier when Sun won the 200 free after Danas Rapsys of Lithuania finished first and then got disqualified for a false start. On the medals podium, Sun was shunned by co-bronze medalist Duncan Scott of Britain. Sun told Scott, "You lose, I win" before they walked off. FINA sent warning letters to both swimmers.

"Both competitors had an inadequate behavior on this occasion, which is not acceptable," FINA said, citing a specific rule in its constitution that the world governing body's executive board had met to tweak shortly after the confrontation.

Sun also was ignored by silver medalist Mack Horton of Australia on the podium after the Chinese star won the 400 free.

Horton and Scott, along with other swimmers, are angry at FINA for allowing Sun to compete in Gwangju ahead of a September hearing before the Court for Arbitration in Sport. Sun faces allegations of clashing with drug testers and destroying samples at his home last year. He faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Peaty cruised to victory in the 50 breaststroke, a non-Olympic event. He won in 26.06 seconds, adding to his 100 breast title.

Brazilians Felipe Lima and Joao Gomes Junior took silver and bronze, respectively. □



Italy's Federica Pellegrini celebrates after winning the women's 200m freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

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free, took silver in 1:54.66.

"She's a true champion, world record holder," Titmus said of Pellegrini. "For her to beat me, I'm OK."

Sjöström earned bronze in 1:54.78. She received oxygen on the pool deck after the race and later said she had a headache.

Ledecky hasn't been at the pool since Monday. She withdrew from the 200 free heats and the 1,500 free final on Tuesday with an illness. The American star is being monitored by doctors, but no diagnosis has been disclosed.

While Pellegrini is winding things down, Kristof Milak of Hungary is getting started with a bang.

He broke Michael Phelps' world record by nearly eight-tenths of a second in

worlds in Rome.

"When I turned back and saw the time, all the pressure, all the tension just got off my back and all the joys came out," Milak said.

Phelps set the mark for the first time in 2001 and no one had taken it from him until Milak.

"It is absolutely fantastic. After that swim I don't think anybody can go close to him," fellow Hungarian Laszlo Cseh said.

The 19-year-old swimmer became the first teenager to win a world title in the event since Phelps at age 18 in 2003.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Milak, who climbed out of the pool and took two deep bows as the crowd cheered.

Chad le Clos of South Afri-

"Unbelievable race, really," said Le Clos, an old rival of Phelps. "Probably one of the greatest races ever."

Daiya Seto of Japan finished 3.13 seconds behind for silver in 1:53.86. Le Clos settled for bronze in 1:54.15. Australia rallied to win the mixed 4x100 medley relay, with Cate Campbell running down American Simone Manuel on the last lap.

Mitch Larkin, Matthew Wilson, Emma McKeon and Campbell won in 3:39.08. Caeleb Dressel swam a blistering butterfly leg to haul the Americans from fourth to first before turning it over to Manuel for the anchor leg. But she couldn't stave off a charging Campbell. Ryan Murphy, Lilly King, Dressel and Manuel took silver in 3:39.10. The Brit-

Is 'Big Tech' too big? A look at growing antitrust scrutiny

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY** and **RACHEL LERMAN**

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Is Big Tech headed for a big breakup?

The U.S. Justice Department has announced a major antitrust investigation into unnamed tech giants, while the House Judiciary Committee has begun an unprecedented antitrust probe into Google, Facebook, Amazon and Apple over their aggressive business practices, and promises "a top-to-bottom review of the market power held by giant tech platforms."

In addition, at least two 2020 presidential hopefuls have expressed support for breaking up some of technology's biggest players amid concerns they have become too powerful.

Experts say breakups are



This Feb. 19, 2014, file photo, shows WhatsApp and Facebook app icons on a smartphone in New York.

unlikely in the short term, and Rep. David Cicilline, the Rhode Island Democrat who leads the subcommittee pursuing the House investigation, called such measures a "last resort." But even without that, Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple could face new restrictions on their power.

Google, Facebook, Amazon and Apple declined to comment on the investigations.

Here's a look at the cases that could be brought against them and what their defenses could be.

FACEBOOK

With 2.4 billion users, \$56 billion in revenue last year

and a name that's synonymous with social media, Facebook is certainly big. But is it an illegal, competition-crushing monopoly?

Federal regulators are already investigating the company's privacy practices. But the antitrust question has been rumbling in the background, with critics calling for spinning off WhatsApp and Instagram. Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren has called for breaking up Big Tech, as has Chris Hughes, a co-founder of Facebook. Former Vice President Joe Biden has said that he is open to the idea.

Critics believe a breakup is needed because Facebook can squash competitors either by buying them or using its enormous resources to mimic services they offer — as it's done

with Snapchat, for example. Facebook executives have been calling broadly for regulation, though nothing that comes close to breaking it up. In a recent statement, the company's vice president of global affairs, Nick Clegg, said Facebook "accepts that with success comes accountability. But you don't enforce accountability by calling for the breakup of a successful American company."

CEO Mark Zuckerberg has called for "new rules" in four areas: harmful content, election integrity, privacy and data portability. Facebook has also stressed that it has competitors in messaging and digital communication, including Apple and Google.

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US attorney general says encryption creates security risk

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH**

NEW YORK (AP) — Attorney General William Barr said Tuesday that increased encryption of data on phones and computers and encrypted messaging apps are putting American security at risk.

Barr's comments at a cybersecurity conference mark a continuing effort by the Justice Department to push tech companies to provide law enforcement with access to encrypted devices and applications during investigations.

"There have been enough dogmatic pronouncements that lawful access simply cannot be done," Barr said. "It can be, and it must be."

The attorney general said law enforcement is increasingly unable to access information on devices, and between devices, even with a warrant supporting probable cause of criminal activity.

Barr said terrorists and cartels switch mid-communication to encrypted applications to plan deadly operations. He described a transnational drug cartel's use of WhatsApp group chat to specifically coordi-

nate murders of Mexico-based police officials.

Gail Kent, Facebook's global public policy lead on security, recently said that allowing the government's ability to gain access to encrypted communications would jeopardize cybersecurity for millions of law-abiding people who rely on it. WhatsApp is owned by Facebook.

"It's impossible to create any backdoor that couldn't be discovered, and exploited, by bad actors," Kent said.

Allowing government access to encrypted devices also wouldn't prevent people from switching to any new services that may crop up around the world that U.S. agencies can't access, Kent said.

Encrypted communications are ones that are only available to users on either end of the communications. The increasing use of this technology has long been coined by the Justice Department as the "going dark" problem.

Barr's remarks also acknowledged the need for encryption to ensure overall cybersecurity that has enabled people to bank

relatively securely online and engage in e-commerce.

Barr said that to date, law enforcement in Garland, Texas, have been unable to access 100 instant messages sent between terrorists who carried out an attack there in May 2015.

"The status quo is exceptionally dangerous, it is unacceptable and only getting worse," Barr said. "It's time for the United States to stop debating whether to address it and start talking about how to address it."

Ex-FBI director James Comey championed the need for a law enforcement workaround to encrypted devices and communications. He led a highly publicized push to gain access to an iPhone belonging to a perpetrator of a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14 people in 2015.

From the Senate floor on Tuesday, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., responded to Barr's remarks in New York calling it an "outrageous, wrong-headed and dangerous proposal."

Wyden said Barr wants to "blow a hole" in a critical security feature for Ameri-

cans' digital lives by trying to undermine strong encryption and advocating for government backdoors into the personal devices of Americans. He said strong encryption helps keep health records, personal communications and other sensitive data secure from hackers.

Effectively banning encryption in the U.S. by not allowing companies to provide unbreakable encryption, doesn't prevent it existing and flourishing elsewhere, and only makes Americans less secure against foreign hackers, Wyden said.

"Once you weaken encryption with a backdoor, you make it far easier for criminals, hackers and predators to get into your digital life," Wyden said. He said he fears and expects that Barr and President Donald Trump would abuse the power to break encryption if they were allowed to do so.

Given their records "it is clear to me that they cannot be trusted with this kind of power," Wyden said.

Noah Theran, a spokesman for the Internet Association, said "strong encryption makes us all safer and

more secure" and protects Americans from daily cyberattacks that can compromise personal information. The trade association represents internet companies — including Facebook, Google, Twitter and LinkedIn — on public policy.

"Companies must not be required to engineer vulnerabilities into their products and services that could put us all at risk," Theran said.

Critics of the Justice Department position also point out that law enforcement agencies have been able to use unencrypted metadata to solve crimes and hired a private contractor to ultimately gain access to the iPhone linked to the San Bernardino attacks.

"There is no way to give the FBI access to encrypted communications without giving the same access to every government on the planet," said Brett Max Kaufman, senior staff attorney with the ACLU's Center for Democracy.

"Technology providers should continue to make their products as safe as possible and resist pressure from all governments to undermine the security of the tools they offer." □

When employees need personal help, business owners respond

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When David Winters' staffers ask for financial help, advice or to borrow a company car, the answer is yes.

"We have single working mothers, single working fathers, folks with four and five children," says Winters, owner of a Screenmobile franchise in Charlotte, North Carolina. "If you don't support the team, what's the point?"

Winters has helped his 20 staffers pay for car repairs and veterinary bills and assisted them in filing income tax returns or getting child support. He gives interest-free loans — which he often forgives.

For many small business owners, being a boss means helping staffers when they struggle. Owners do it out of compassion and concern, and also to return the loyalty they get from employees. Owners realize staffers are more productive when they feel supported and aren't worrying about personal problems. And helping staffers can make a small business better able to compete for workers in a tight job market; large companies with hundreds or thousands of employees are more regimented and often won't bend the rules when employees are in need.

Winters helps his staffers, who repair window and



Ethan Babcock, left, and Baylee Parra, right, pass the time as each waits for a parent to finish in a meeting at Foresite Commercial Real Estate, Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

door screens, out of kindness but he's also aware his help reduces their stress and makes it easier for them to be cheerful with customers and provide better service.

Trivinia Barber knew that one of her staffers with young children was worried about driving them in a car with worn tires. Barber spent \$300 to buy new ones.

"That \$300 was a drop in the bucket for me to give her peace of mind," says Barber, CEO of Priority VA. "Her fear was taking away from her performance at work."

Barber, based in Savannah, Georgia, but with five employees and dozens of freelancers who work re-

motely, knows the structure of her company can create feelings of isolation, another reason to be responsive to staffers' needs. When they've lost relatives, Barber has helped with practical matters.

Owners who are empathic and help employees can foster a great deal of goodwill, but they should think about any problems their assistance might cause, says Rick Gibbs, a consultant with human resources provider Insuperity. For example, if a boss is very selective about who gets help with financial problems.

"It may feel good in the short term but it could create issues with other

employees who become aware of those gifts," Gibbs says.

Bosses also need to be sure they'll get their money back — some employees have gotten loans and left before repaying them, Gibbs says.

At Foresite Commercial Real Estate, owners Bethany Babcock and Chad Knibbe have been generous with time off when staffers are ill, even one who needed major surgery right after joining the San Antonio-based company. They've helped pay moving expenses for a staffer with domestic problems, and bought a plane ticket for an employee who wanted to visit a nephew

on life support. The rest of the staff has also pitched in, for example, with donations of frequent flyer points. But Babcock and Knibbe have learned some staffers might try to take advantage of them. They've had new employees who "seemed to develop an expectation that the company was there to solve and prevent any and all personal financial challenges," Babcock says.

She and Knibbe have learned not to offer extraordinary help until they become familiar with a staffer. But, Babcock says, "I would rather get burned 10 times than miss the one time that might have been legitimate that impacts someone's life."

Some companies help staffers out of a business need. Reboot Online, a digital marketing company based north of London, helps staffers who emigrate from countries like Romania, Russia and Slovakia. The company recruits outside Britain because it struggles to find staffers with skills it needs. The newly arrived workers need help getting settled.

"They often don't have the credit rating to rent a house, buy a car," Managing Director Naomi Aharoni says. "So financial guarantees and personal references from us as U.K. company directors are needed." □

Restructuring Deutsche Bank posts \$3.45 billion loss

By **DAVID MCHUGH**
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Deutsche Bank says it lost 3.1 billion euros (\$3.45 billion) in the second quarter as it booked heavy charges for its sweeping restructuring that will lead to the loss of 18,000 jobs by 2022. The German bank said Wednesday that without the charges it would have made a net profit of 231 million euros and that a "substantial portion" of the deductions to earnings for the restructuring were now behind it.

The charges included re-

valuing deferred tax matters, a lowered outlook for its business plans, and losses on software and service contracts.

The net loss turned out to be bigger than the 2.8 billion euros expected in a profit warning issued July 7. The bank's battered shares were down 3.9% at 6.86 euros in morning trading in Europe. They were trading above 30 euros per share in mid-2015.

Deutsche Bank has struggled with low profits, high costs, questions about its business model, and fines and settlements with regu-

lators for misconduct. CEO Christian Sewing took over last year with a mandate to cut costs and improve returns to shareholders.

The bank has announced plans to reduce the size of its investment banking business as it pulls back from a decades-long attempt to compete with Wall Street rivals and focuses instead on its German and European business clients. It is closing down its business in sales and trading of equities and focusing on business areas where it is among the leading performers.

The bank said that "the



In this Monday, July 8, 2019 file photo, a Deutsche Bank sign is seen on the outside of their building in London.

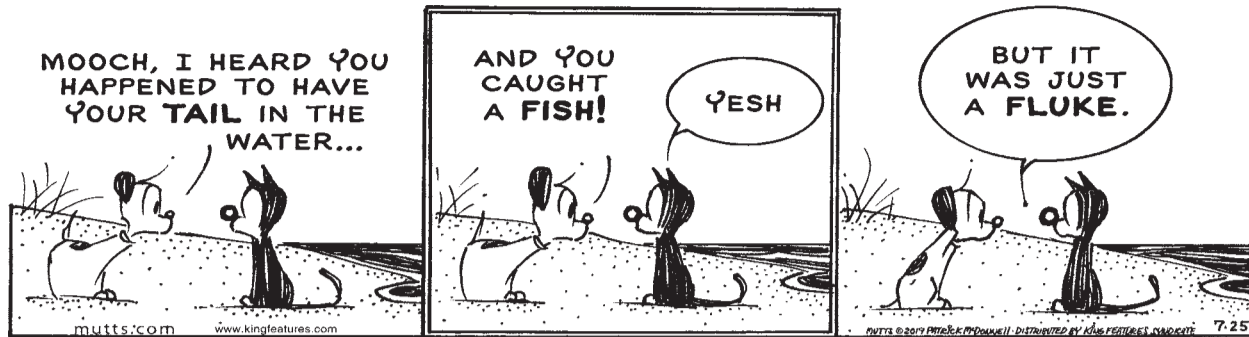
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large majority" of the one-time charges did not affect its capital buffers against losses.

Sewing said that the bank had already taken "significant steps" to improve its

earnings performance and that "excluding transformation charges the bank would be profitable and in our more stable businesses revenues were flat or growing." □

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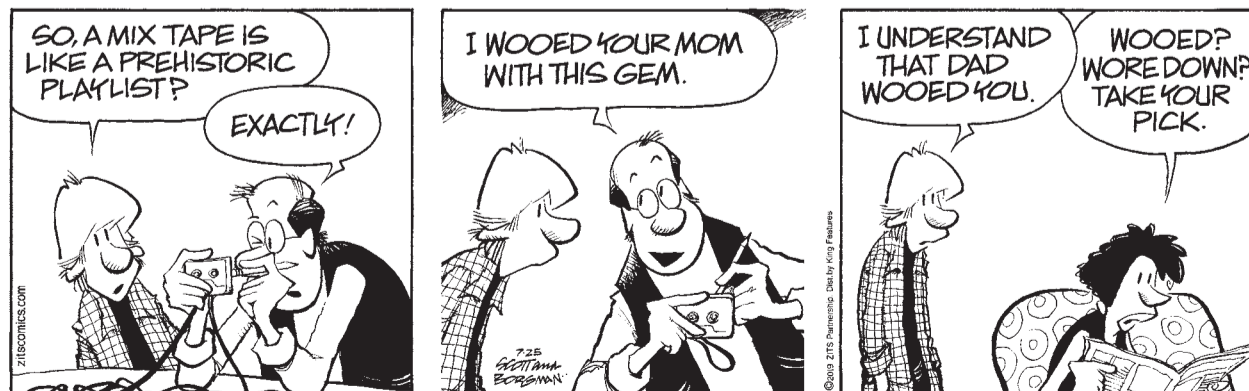
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

8	7	5	6	2	3	9	4	1
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7	5	8	9	4	2	6	1	3

ACROSS

- 1 Some six-packs
- 4 Narrow cuts
- 9 Knife
- 13 Word of disgust
- 15 "Rumor ___"; Aniston/Costner film
- 16 Singer Natalie
- 17 ___ up; mature
- 18 Fluid retention problem
- 19 Pretext
- 20 Cowardly
- 22 Golfing item
- 23 Celebration
- 24 Easter entree, perhaps
- 26 Hits hard
- 29 Smart-alecky
- 34 TV's "As the ___ Turns"
- 35 Contaminate
- 36 Farrow, for one
- 37 Forever and ___
- 38 ___ at; tried to punch
- 39 Wordsworth or Whitman
- 40 Confronted
- 41 Leaning
- 42 Waltz or twist
- 43 Nice; agreeable
- 45 Account book
- 46 Spoil
- 47 Egg on
- 48 Healthy
- 51 Oppress; treat harshly
- 56 In the ___; currently baking
- 57 Rent long-term
- 58 Orderly
- 60 Tie up
- 61 Very willing
- 62 Flow out profusely
- 63 Casino figure
- 64 Gown
- 65 Pig's home

DOWN

- 1 Buenos Aires' nation; abbr.
- 2 Taverns
- 3 Cease
- 4 Bed linens
- 5 Soup server's item
- 6 Words of understanding
- 7 Conway & Allen
- 8 Storing away
- 9 Pinch pennies
- 10 Military stint
- 11 ___-ran
- 12 Has-___; one no longer popular
- 14 In haste
- 21 Requirement
- 25 Tenement unit; abbr.
- 26 Marshy land
- 27 Role ___; good example
- 28 Up in arms
- 29 Moral weakness
- 30 Fuzzy residue
- 31 Surrounded by
- 32 Female relative
- 33 Idaho export
- 35 Bed size
- 38 Taken aback
- 39 Upholstery
- 41 As poor ___
- 42 Martin or McDermott
- 44 Peace offering
- 45 Solitaires
- 47 Propane & ethane
- 48 Bum
- 49 Fanatical
- 50 Give, but expect back
- 52 Part of a date
- 53 Hit the ceiling
- 54 Chief Greek deity
- 55 Dawn direction
- 59 Your, in the bible



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Is 'Big Tech' too big? A look at growing antitrust scrutiny

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New York University law professor Eleanor Fox said that because antitrust law focuses on companies that raise prices too much, and Facebook is free, it will be a tough to break up the business. And Facebook commands less than a quarter of worldwide digital advertising, well behind Google. Warren, however, has laid out plans for legislation that targets companies with more than \$25 billion of annual revenue. It would limit their ability to expand and force parts of their business to operate as separate entities.

GOOGLE

As Google becomes a leading mail provider, search engine and advertising platform, federal regulators are starting to wonder if it needs to be knocked down a bit. Critics say Google's domi-

nance in search has allowed it to squash rivals — notably because Google can show its own products above competitors' or feature its own ads prominently. Google might argue it doesn't have an obligation to do business with its rivals at all — an argument that other companies have made when faced with similar challenges, said Sandeep Vaheesan, legal director for Open Markets Institute, which advocates breaking up monopolies. It's Google's technology and Google can use it as it wishes, goes one line of reasoning.

Google has also faced scrutiny over the practices it uses to get its search and other products featured on smartphones. Some say Google imposes too many self-serving regulations on smartphone makers who use Google's Android operating system. □

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2BR OceanView \$8K
2BR OceanFront \$12 K
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3rd floor 32 weeks remain

Marriott Surf Club

Gold Season
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2BR Oceanview \$8K
2BR Oceanside \$9K
2BR Oceanfront \$12K
3BR Ocean View \$15K

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Study: Millions should stop taking aspirin for heart health

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of people who take aspirin to prevent a heart attack may need to rethink the pill-popping, Harvard researchers reported Monday.

A daily low-dose aspirin is recommended for people who have already had a heart attack or stroke and for those diagnosed with heart disease.

But for the otherwise healthy, that advice has been overturned. Guidelines released this year ruled out routine aspirin use for many older adults who don't already have heart disease — and said it's only for certain younger people under doctor's orders.

How many people need to get that message?

Some 29 million people 40 and older were taking an aspirin a day despite having no known heart disease in 2017, the latest data available, according to a new study from Harvard and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. About 6.6 million of them were doing



This Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 file photo shows an arrangement of aspirin pills in New York. A new study suggests millions of people need to rethink their use of aspirin to prevent a heart attack.

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so on their own — a doctor never recommended it. And nearly half of people over 70 who don't have heart disease — estimated at about 10 million — were taking daily aspirin for prevention, the researchers reported in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"Many patients are con-

fused about this," said Dr. Colin O'Brien, a senior internal medicine resident at Beth Israel who led the study.

After all, for years doctors urged people to leverage aspirin's blood-thinning properties to lower the chances of a first heart attack or stroke. Then last

year, three surprising new studies challenged that dogma. Those studies were some of the largest and longest to test aspirin in people at low and moderate risk of a heart attack, and found only marginal benefit if any, especially for older adults. Yet the aspirin users experienced mark-

edly more digestive-tract bleeding, along with some other side effects.

In March, those findings prompted a change in guidelines from the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology:

—People over 70 who don't have heart disease — or are younger but at increased risk of bleeding — should avoid daily aspirin for prevention.

—Only certain 40- to 70-year-olds who don't already have heart disease are at high enough risk to warrant 75 to 100 milligrams of aspirin daily, and that's for a doctor to decide.

Nothing has changed for heart attack survivors: Aspirin still is recommended for them.

But there's no way to know how many otherwise healthy people got the word about the changed recommendations.

"We hope that more primary care doctors will talk to their patients about aspirin use, and more patients will raise this with their doctors," O'Brien said. □

Eastern U.S. cities spewing more methane into air than thought

By SETH BORENSTEIN

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Older U.S. east coast cities are leaking nine times as much natural gas into the air — from homes or pipes heading into houses — than the federal government had thought, a new airborne monitoring study finds.

It's probably not a safety problem because what's coming out doesn't reach explosive concentrations, but the extra methane heading into the air is a climate change issue, said study co-author University

of Michigan atmospheric scientist Eric Kort. Scientists flew a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration airplane over New York City, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Providence, Rhode Island, for 1,200 hours in 2018 and found lots more methane. They couldn't tell if the methane, a potent greenhouse gas, was leaking from inside homes or the pipes leading to homes.

"You have a very leaky system," study co-author Colm Sweeney, a NOAA atmospheric scientist,

said Monday. The six cities spewed nearly 937,000 tons of methane (850,000 metric tons), which is more than twice what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates, according to the study in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

Methane comes from different places, not just natural gas, and that's where the study found the biggest change from what the government had previously thought.

The EPA's estimates had figured much of the methane coming out of the five cities spewed from landfills and wetlands, not natural gas for home use. But the airplane monitors, which could differentiate between landfill gas and natural gas based on other chemicals that come out, found that 88% of the methane was natural gas, except in Providence.

So scientists calculated that nine times as much natural gas was being released as EPA had estimated.

Previous studies had looked at individual cities using different methods. This study is the first to give a comprehensive look over a large area.

Cornell University's Robert Howarth, who wasn't part of the study, praised it, say-

ing it "shows the problem is widespread."

Methane traps about 30 times more heat than carbon dioxide, but doesn't last nearly as long. By showing that leaks are a big issue, the study "represents a huge opportunity to get some early gains on controlling greenhouse gas emissions," Sweeney said. □

Miss America pageant leaving Atlantic City for Connecticut

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) —

There she is. Here she isn't. Miss America is leaving Atlantic City for the second time, trading one casino town for another in a move that caps a whirlwind of change at the nearly century-old pageant.

This year's pageant will be held at the Mohegan Sun Connecticut in Uncasville, Connecticut, the Miss America Organization said Tuesday.

It will be broadcast on NBC on Dec. 19, in a switch from recent broadcaster ABC.

"The Miss America Organization is proud to partner with Mohegan Sun as we return to our longtime NBC home," said Regina Hopper, president and CEO of the Miss America Organization. "We are looking forward to a fresh take on this historic competition that will showcase the incredible women vying for the job of Miss America 2020."

Ray Pineault, president and general manager of Mohegan Sun, noted the college scholarship money the Miss America Organization provides to contestants.

"Miss America is a storied organization that has a long history of empowering women, providing tremendous educational resources to women and serving



In this Sept. 9, 2018 file photo, Miss New York Nia Franklin reacts after being named Miss America 2019 in Atlantic City, N.J.

the overall public good," he said.

"We're thrilled to be hosting an impactful event like the Miss America Competition in December, and we look forward to working with both Miss America and NBC on what will be a tremendous evening," he said.

The broadcast will be on a Thursday evening from

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern time, a departure from its longstanding fixture as a Sunday night event.

Announcements by the Miss America Organization and NBC mentioned only this year's competition and did not address whether the pageant was making a multi-year commitment to Connecticut. Messages seeking clarification from

pageant officials were not immediately returned.

The pageant began in Atlantic City in 1921 as a way to extend the summer tourism season beyond Labor Day weekend. It became synonymous with the New Jersey seaside resort but moved to Las Vegas in 2005, returning to Atlantic City in 2013.

It had been held at the

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historic Boardwalk Hall, and a parade in which contestants wore shoes with themes identified with their individual states had become part of the pageant's history.

For decades, the pageant was a part of Americana, and longtime master of ceremonies Bert Parks crooning, "There she is ... Miss America," became synonymous with the pageant.

An email scandal in December 2017 led to the ouster of the pageant's mostly male leadership, some of whom were revealed to have mocked contestants' appearances, intellect and even sex lives. They were replaced by female leadership including former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson, a former Miss America.

But state pageant organizations chafed under the new leadership and launched vocal protests against the new leadership, which vowed to move forward with changes designed to make Miss America more relevant and empowering to women.

The biggest change included the elimination of the swimsuit competition in favor of more in-depth contestant interviews.

Carlson has since stepped down. □

Bella Thorne shares personal struggles in 1st poetry book

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bella Thorne says people are confused by her and she doesn't understand why, but maybe her new book will clear things up.

"People constantly come to me, directors, producers, people that are like in the industry, and they're always like, 'I just really misjudged you. You're just so different, Bella. It's just so crazy. I wish everyone knew the real you.'"

The actress says she's not sure what's so confusing because her life is an open book — so much so that she's written a very personal collection of poetry called "The Life of a Wan-



This Jan. 22, 2018 file photo shows actress Bella Thorne during the Sundance Film Festival Park City, Utah.

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nabe Mogul: Mental Disarray Vol. 1" (Rare Bird Books). She writes about personal struggles, relationships, sexual abuse, depression and

having dyslexia. "I constantly wonder how I'm so OK because sometimes I get lost in my thoughts of all of the dark-

ness that I've kind of been through, and I wonder where I would be if I wasn't me," Thorne said recently. She dates a lot of the poems so readers can chart her personal growth and healing.

"That's important. You change your mind, you change your opinion, you change your whole entire mindset, and that's OK because you live, you learn, you get older and you decide differently."

Thorne, 21, was a Disney kid, landing a role alongside Zendaya in 2010 on the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up." Since that wrapped in 2013, she's worked steadily with roles in movies like "Blended" star-

ring Adam Sandler, "The DUFF" and "Midnight Sun" opposite Patrick Schwarzenegger.

Thorne has shed some of the wholesome Disney image, embracing more of a free spirit. She has a nose piercing, recently came out as pansexual and is open about her marijuana use. "Seriously, I'm an open book. I'm not acting here. Like, legit, I never wear makeup unless I'm getting paid for it or I'm doing press. I literally show every aspect of me. I refuse to edit anything of myself," Thorne said.

She may not hold back, but she is nervous about how the book will be perceived. □

Looking back at Mike Wallace, who made 'em squirm

By JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press
 Vladimir Putin, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Ku Klux Klan leader Eldon Edwards. Bette Davis, Barbra Streisand, Shirley MacLaine, Eleanor Roosevelt. If they were famous — or infamous — they likely sat across from newsman Mike Wallace at some point during his seven-decade career. And he made 'em all squirm, as filmmaker Avi

Belkin shows in his absorbing new documentary, "Mike Wallace Is Here." Belkin had crucial access to CBS archives, including those of "60 Minutes," the show that made Wallace famous. And watching all this footage, the undercurrent is unspoken but obvious: How would Wallace, with his famous take-no-prisoners style, handle President Donald Trump? Alas, Wallace died in 2012,



This image released by Magnolia Pictures shows Mike Wallace in a scene from the documentary "Mike Wallace Is Here." Associated Press

ing a bout of depression, he once swallowed pills in a suicide attempt. A quick look at Wallace's early life begins in Brookline, Massachusetts, where as an adolescent he was so ashamed of his pock-marked face that he yearned for gray days, not sunny ones.

In his early TV years, he was a pitchman, for everything from cigarettes to shortening ("Man, that's some apple pie.")

In his first interview show, "Night Beat," which premiered in 1956, he sat close to his subjects, smoke billowing from his ubiquitous cigarette. Here was launched his confrontational style: he asks Eleanor Roosevelt why people hate her and her husband.

The show moved to ABC, then was canceled in 1958. A few years later in 1962, he experienced tragedy: his older son, Peter, died in a mountain-climbing accident in Greece. He arrived at CBS, where he was seen by some as an overly slick interloper. Success came, though, with "60 Minutes," which premiered in 1968 and became an unexpected hit, launching a dynasty and a new genre, the TV newsmagazine. □

so we must make do with a brief few moments of the newsman with Trump in his late 30s, a brash young tycoon who suggests — surprise! — that he'd be better at negotiating arms control agreements than diplomats in Washington.

"There's a new billionaire in town — Trump's the name," Wallace begins. He asks the young magnate what he plans to do with the next 40 years. "There are so many things to do," Trump says. "Politics?" asks Wallace.

"No, not politics," Trump replies. (It's worth noting that Wallace's son Chris, of the Fox News Channel, has irked Trump enough to

earn a recent tweet from the president: "I like Mike Wallace better.")

Also included are some prickly conversations between Wallace and his "60 Minutes" colleagues, as he approached retirement. One gets the sense Wallace wasn't thrilled about having the tables turned with questions about his own life.

That's probably why the film focuses almost exclusively on Wallace's work, not his personal life, including his multiple marriages or his struggles with depression. It's also why it's shocking when he tells colleague Morley Safer what he has until then denied: that dur-

Calexico and Iron & Wine, a reunion worth the wait

By RAGAN CLARK
Associated Press

Calexico and Iron & Wine, "Years to Burn" (Sub Pop) Reuniting on "Years to Burn," their first full-length project since 2005, Calexico and Iron & Wine remind audiences why they initially collaborated. Strong alone, the two bands are stronger together.

Sam Beam, better known by his stage name Iron & Wine, has been something of a sensation in the indie world since the early 2000s. Calexico, with main members Joey Burns and John Convertino, is a Southwestern rock band with influences from mariachi to



In this July 24, 2007, file photo, U.S. musician Joey Burns and band Calexico perform on stage during the Blue Balls Festival in Lucerne, Switzerland.

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jazz. Together, the two are perfectly complementary. Beam brings his own talents to the table — a raspy whisper of a voice, telling stories and pouring out lyrics wrought with meaning. These talents are only further enhanced by those of Calexico, adding texture

and depth with their musical composition. Differentiating itself from the "In the Reins" EP, on which the two acts first collaborated, "Years to Burn" feels more self-assured, like a group of musicians comfortable playing together and not afraid to experiment. □

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Meek Mill launches new record label with Jay-Z's Roc Nation

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Meek Mill is in a Jay-Z state of mind: The Philadelphia rapper-turned-entrepreneur is launching a new record label in a joint venture with Jay-Z's Roc Nation.

The two hip-hop players celebrated the launch of Dream Chasers Records on Tuesday at the Roc Nation headquarters in New York City, signing contracts at a small press conference and popping champagne to celebrate the partnership.

"Of course I had offers to do a lot of business with other people, but the relationship we've built from (Roc Nation) believing in me through my whole career, through my ups and downs and the morals they showed to me and my team when it wasn't in their best interest to have showed it — I feel comfortable going through this right here at home," Mill said. "We're ready to work. We're just starting the beginning of a new chapter, a new page."

Mill, 32, will lead Dream Chasers as president, overseeing the label and its staff. Mill built a strong fan base and buzz in Philadelphia with a string of mixtapes, and reached the mainstream when he topped the charts with his major-label debut in 2012. He's released two platinum albums and two gold records and reached the Top 25 of the pop charts with songs like "Going Bad" and "All Eyes on You." He even



Jay-Z, left, and Meek Mill make an announcement of the launch of Dream Chasers record label in joint venture with Roc Nation, at the Roc Nation headquarters on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, in New York.

beat out Drake, Kendrick Lamar and Dr. Dre to win top rap album at the 2016 Billboard Music Awards.

Jay-Z, hip-hop's ultimate businessman, said he and Mill not only bonded musically, but in other areas.

"His integrity, his honesty, his sense of responsibility," Jay-Z rattled on about Mill. "Everything that he's done leading up to this point, it showed that he can carry that weight for the next generation of people. Everybody can sign some artists, make some money and brag about how hot they are for ... (but) for us, we look at the big picture. For us, it's way beyond signing hot artists and having a hot record."

Jay-Z, Mill and others joined forces earlier this year to

form a coalition that lobbies for changes to state probation and parole laws, called the Reform Alliance. Mill became a symbol for criminal justice reform activists after a judge in Pennsylvania sentenced him to two to four years in prison for minor violations of his probation conditions in a decade-old gun and drug possession case. He spent months in prison before a court ordered him released. On Wednesday, a Pennsylvania appeals court overturned Mill's conviction and granted the rapper a new trial because of new evidence of alleged police corruption.

"We come from the same neighborhoods, been through the same things," said Jay-Z, who grew up in

the Marcy Projects complex in Brooklyn. "We're some of the few that made it through ... (and) that responsibility is not lost on us. We haven't made it to this point just to be like, 'Let's just irresponsibly live our life.' We had fun, don't get me wrong. It's fun too, but there's a responsibility that we carry for the entire culture."

Mill added: "Me coming out of prison this time, I signed up for a bigger responsibility. I always felt like I had a responsibility to lead the culture as much as I can. I always say Jay-Z and others that came before me was like a snowplow for people like myself. They made it easier to walk through the snowstorm. I want to continue to be

a snowplow for the next generation coming behind me."

For his new label, Mill said he hopes to sign hard-working artists looking to move the needle, "not a social media success for the weekend or for the month."

The rapper will launch his Legendary Nights Tour on Aug. 28 with Future and will release a five-episode documentary series on Aug. 9 on Amazon Prime Video called "Free Meek," which follows his fight for exoneration in his legal case and his work with the Reform Alliance. Mill recently announced he's now a co-owner of sports-apparel retailer Lids, and will lead the company's creative strategy and release a limited-edition collection of hats.

Jay-Z said Mill will be a success in whatever he tries.

"What we lacked for so long was opportunity," Jay-Z continued. "We've never had this sort of power. We never had someone come before us and then come back and show us, 'Yo, this is how it's done. These are the mistakes that I made.' We've never had it. It just hadn't existed. Hip-hop is 40 years old (and) we've just now gotten to the point where we can really affect change and the music and the culture that we create. We've been giving it away for so long, which is understandable, we got to start somewhere. Got to clean the floors up before you own the building — but we don't shine shoes anymore." □

B.B. King's 'Lucille' guitar going up for auction

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Her name was "Lucille," and in B.B. King's hands she gave voice to the "King of the Blues."

Julien's Auctions announced Tuesday that King's black Gibson ES-345 prototype guitar is among the items from his estate that will go up for bid on Sept. 21.

Julien's says Gibson gave King the instrument for his 80th birthday. The headstock has "B.B. King 80" and

a crown inlaid with mother-of-pearl. The guitar is estimated to be worth \$80,000 to \$100,000.

The guitar was not the first to bear the name. The story goes that King first used that moniker for a guitar he rescued from a fire while he was playing an Arkansas club in 1949. The blaze broke out as two men fought over a woman, and the musician narrowly escaped death after he went back into the club to save his guitar, the

auction house said. When King learned the woman's name was Lucille, he named his guitar after her "to remind himself to never fight over a woman or run into a burning building," the auction house said.

The National Medal of Arts that President George H.W. Bush presented to King in 1990 is also up for auction. So are his touring van, jewelry and clothing.

The 15-time Grammy winner was 89 when he died in 2015. □



In this June 20, 2008 file photo, musician B.B. King performs at the opening night of the 87th season of the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Segregation among issues Chicago faces 100 years after riots

By **NOREEN NASIR** Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — On a hot July day in 1919, a black 17-year-old swimming in Lake Michigan drifted in a dangerous direction — toward the white section of a Chicago beach.

White beachgoers, angry at Eugene Williams' intrusion, hurled rocks at him. One struck him in the head, and he drowned. And so began a week of riots that would kill 38 people — 23 of them black, 15 of them white — and leave more than 500 people injured, according to the Chicago Historical Society.

It happened 100 years ago, in the "Red Summer" of race riots that spread across the United States. But the terror of those days still reverberates in a city that continues to grapple with segregation, housing discrimination, and deep tension between residents and police.

The nation's third-largest city is still contending with the 2014 killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a white police officer, and with the protests that erupted a year later when officials released dashcam video of that shooting.

"There's a clear trajectory for me in that Eugene Williams, in a way, is (1955 Mississippi lynching victim and Chicagoan) Emmett Till, who is, in a way, Laquan McDonald," said Eve L. Ewing, an assistant professor at the University of Chicago and author of a new collection of poems called "1919."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hundreds of African Americans died at the hands of white mob violence during "Red Summer" but little is widely known about this spate of violence a century later. As part of its coverage of the 100th anniversary of Red Summer, AP will take a multiplatform look at the attacks and the communities where they occurred. <https://www.apnews.com/RedSummer>

After Williams' body was pulled from the water on



In this July 10, 2019, photo, a wreath lies in front of a site commemorating the 1919 race riots in Chicago.

July 27, a group of black witnesses pointed to a white man they accused of throwing rocks, but police refused to arrest him. A crowd gathered and a black man was arrested instead. Fighting broke out along the beach and spread from there.

White mobs raided black neighborhoods on the South Side, burning homes and attacking people. Black residents, determined to hold their ground, fought back with guns and fists. While Juanita Mitchell has trouble remembering some things from her childhood, the memories of July 1919 remain clear.

"We thought we were coming to a party," the 107-year-old woman said

recently as she reflected on the day she made the trek to Chicago from Louisiana with her mother and sister. "I could hear my uncle saying, 'Here they come.' And that meant the white folks were coming down the street."

At her uncle's urging, she and the other children hid behind a piano in his South Side home as a white mob drew closer. "He stood in the window, pulled out his gun," Mitchell said.

"He was ready for the riot." Some historians say the violence may have been inevitable.

Tensions had been building along with the Great Migration, the shift of Southern blacks to Northern cities as they fled life under



In this 1919 photo provided by the Chicago History Museum, armed National Guard and African American men stand on a sidewalk during race riots in Chicago.

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"The boundaries of the black belt will eventually expand — particularly after World War II during a second wave of migration from the South, at which point the racially restrictive policies become less acceptable," he said.

"The Supreme Court will strike down, for instance, restrictive covenants in 1948. But what happens is the black belt merely expands. And we never see racial integration in a sustained way on the South Side of Chicago. All we have is a larger segregated space until the migration really stops, at which point we have fairly well-defined boundaries. Residents certainly know them."

South Sider Riccardo Holyfield, 31, knows them well.

"Back in the old days, you might've gotten punished in the way of brutality" if you were on "the wrong side of town," said Holyfield, who is black. "Now, they're going to punish you with tickets. ... That mind frame from a long time ago, where that person's not supposed to be over here, it's still here. It's systematic now."

Chicago has seen some progress. Just this year, the city for the first time elected a black woman, Lori Lightfoot, as mayor. And the state's attorney, schools chief and transit authority president are black.

To change that, some say, the city must both come to terms with its racial history and press forward: "If we want to dream of a different future, it's incumbent upon us to have the moral courage, the intellectual ambition and the political imagination to think about what it would look like to make a different world," Ewing said.

No national events are scheduled to mark the centenary of the Red Summer, but some local groups plan to recognize it. The Newberry Library is marking the anniversary with programming throughout the year in Chicago, partnering with local organizations to educate people about the unrest. □

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Jim Crow — a system of oppressive laws that perpetuated racism, inequality and brutality. Many white workers saw the influx of black people as a threat to their livelihoods.

"Even if Eugene Williams had not been hit on the head by a rock, almost certainly, racial violence would've taken place in Chicago on a massive scale," said Brad Hunt, vice president for research and academic programs at Chicago's Newberry Library.

There is reason to believe that the riots helped remake Chicago's racial landscape: "That kind of mob violence drove policies," Ewing said. "In order to understand the segregation that we live with and the racial inequalities that we live with in the 21st century, it is necessary to begin 100 years earlier."

Over time, racially restrictive covenants gave way to messaging from homeowners' associations discouraging members from selling to black families — all to keep certain Chicago neighborhoods white and to concentrate the African American population in the city's "black belt," a string of neighborhoods on the South Side.

"1919 does influence the racial geography of the city today," said Hunt.